



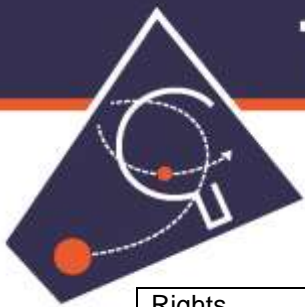
# 2019 National Para Championships

1-5 February

Murray Bridge, South Australia

## EVENT PROSPECTUS





# TABLE TENNIS AUSTRALIA Ltd.

Rights	Table Tennis Australia Ltd. (TTA) are the sole commercial rights holder of the 2019 National Para Championships (The Event).
Hosting	An Event Agreement has been created to host The Event between TTA and Table Tennis South Australia Inc. (TTSA).
Dates and Location	Friday 1 February to Tuesday 5 February 2019 Murray Bridge Table Tennis Association 111 Old Princes Highway Murray Bridge East, South Australia, 5253 Website: <a href="http://murraybridgetabletennis.org/">http://murraybridgetabletennis.org/</a>
Key Dates	Monday 10 December 2018: Preliminary Entry Forms due. <b>All entry forms must be emailed to <a href="mailto:nationals@tabletennis.org.au">nationals@tabletennis.org.au</a>.</b>  Monday 14 January 2019: Final Entry Forms due. <b>All entry forms must be emailed to <a href="mailto:nationals@tabletennis.org.au">nationals@tabletennis.org.au</a>.</b>  Monday 28 January 2019: Last day to pay entry fees. Note: no athlete may participate if entry fees are not paid.
Payments	TTA will provide an invoice for all entries upon submission of the Final Entry Form.  Note: Any cancellations on 28 January 2019 or earlier will be entitled to a full refund for entry fees. Any athlete who withdraws after 28 January 2019 will not be entitled to a refund for entry fees.
Tournament Director	Scott Houston Phone: 0411 465 560 Email: <a href="mailto:ceo@tabletennis.org.au">ceo@tabletennis.org.au</a>
Tournament Controllers	Bev and Brian James Email: <a href="mailto:nationals@tabletennis.org.au">nationals@tabletennis.org.au</a>
Referee	TBC
Deputy Referee	TBC
Classifiers	Sue Stevenson will manage the classification process.  Classifiers: Sharad Pandit, Aleem Khalfan.
Equipment	Tables: XuShaoFa (standing events) and TBC (wheelchair events), blue colour Balls: Nittaku 3 Star Premium 40+ Floor: Red wooden floor boards
Events	<b>INDIVIDUAL EVENTS</b> <u>Open Singles Class 1 - 11, Hearing Impaired &amp; Youth</u> P1 Class 1 - 5 Men's Wheelchair Singles, \$42.00 P2 Class 1 - 5 Women's Wheelchair Singles, \$42.00 P3 Class 6 - 11 & Hearing Impaired Men's Standing Singles, \$42.00 P4 Class 6 - 11 & Hearing Impaired Women's Standing Singles, \$42.00 P5 Class 1 - 5 Youth U23 Wheelchair Singles, \$42.00 P6 Class 6 - 11 & Hearing Impaired Youth U23 Standing Singles, \$42.00



	<p><u>Open Doubles Class 1 - 11 &amp; Hearing Impaired</u>  P7 Class 1 - 5 Men's Wheelchair Doubles, \$26.00 each  P8 Class 1 - 5 Women's Wheelchair Doubles, \$26.00 each  P9 Class 1 - 5 Mixed Wheelchair Doubles, \$26.00 each  P10 Class 6 - 10 Men's Standing Doubles, \$26.00 each  P11 Class 6 - 10 Women's Standing Doubles, \$26.00 each  P12 Class 6 - 10 Mixed Standing Doubles, \$26.00 each  P13 Class 11 Men's Doubles, \$26.00 each  P14 Class 11 Women's Doubles, \$26.00 each  P15 Class 11 Mixed Doubles, \$26.00 each  P16 Hearing Impaired Men's Doubles, \$26.00 each  P17 Hearing Impaired Women's Doubles, \$26.00 each  P18 Hearing Impaired Mixed Doubles, \$26.00 each</p> <p><u>Class Singles 1 - 11 &amp; Hearing Impaired</u>  P19 Class Singles (1 - 11 &amp; Hearing Impaired), \$42.00  <i>Class Singles will be organised into events once all classifications have been completed.</i></p> <p><u>Team Events</u>  Class 1 - 11 &amp; Hearing Impaired, \$32.00 per team member  <i>Organised into events dependent on entries.</i></p>
Eligibility	<p>All athletes must be a registered member of a TTA affiliated State &amp; Territory Association at the highest level (Australian athletes only), or a registered member of a National Association (international athletes), have paid all entries fees for the event and be financial with TTA.</p> <p><b>Note: The Event is open to athletes from all National Associations.</b></p>
Provisional schedule	<p>Note: Subject to change, final schedule to be released once entries close.</p> <p>1 February (day time): Classification  1 February (late afternoon): Technical Meeting  2 February: Individual Events  3 February: Individual Events  3 February: Dinner gathering (venue and cost TBC)  4 February: Team Events  5 February: Team Events</p>
Rules	<p>The Event will be conducted in accordance with the current Laws of Table Tennis, ITTF Rules and Regulations and the TTA National Para Championships Regulations.</p>
Draw	<p>The draw will be completed by the Tournament Referee as soon as Classifications are finalised on Friday 1 February 2019. The draw will be published on the TTA website thereafter.</p>
Prize money and medals	<p>Minimum prize money of \$2,000 will be awarded to specific events once all event entries have been confirmed.</p> <p>Medals will be awarded in each event. Note that for events where two athletes/pairs/teams enter one medal will be presented, for events where three or four athletes/pairs/teams enter two medals will be presented, for events where more than four athletes/pairs/teams enter three medals will be presented.</p>



	Note: Prize money and medals subject to the respective players attending the award ceremony. Attending the award ceremony is mandatory.
Clothing	All athletes must wear their State/Territory Team uniform (Australian athletes only) or National Team uniform (international athletes only) for all team event matches. Athletes may wear any clothing that complies with ITTF Regulations for individual events.
Racket Control	Racket controls will be conducted. All rackets need to be compliant with the latest ITTF regulations.
Accommodation	<p>Multiple accommodation options in Murray Bridge and surrounding towns are available:</p> <p><a href="#">General Murray Bridge accommodation options</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple options available in and around Murray Bridge</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Airbnb</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple options available in and around Murray Bridge</li> </ul> <p><i>Wheelchair accessible accommodation options:</i></p> <p><a href="#">Adelaide Road Motor Lodge Murray Bridge</a> (carer assistance required)</p> <p><a href="#">Rydges Pit Lane Hotel</a> (fully wheelchair accessible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brand new hotel, approx. 20 mins. drive from Murray Bridge</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Mannum Riverside Caravan Park</a> (fully wheelchair accessible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Modern cabins available, approx. 25 mins. drive from Murray Bridge</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Mannum Motel</a> (carer assistance required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approx. 25 mins. drive from Murray Bridge</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: It is recommended that you check with your preferred accommodation option to ensure that any requirements can be met.</p>
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	<p>Please be advised that this event is subject to drug testing in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) and the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) regulations. TTA refers all athletes and coaches to the following websites which have the relevant information relating to anti-doping including the option to check any substance, as well as the ASADA e-Learning Level 1 and Level 2 Anti-Doping Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASADA: <a href="http://www.asada.gov.au">www.asada.gov.au</a></li> <li>• Australian Sports Drug Medical Advisory Committee (ASDMAC): <a href="http://www.asdmac.gov.au">www.asdmac.gov.au</a></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WADA: <a href="http://www.wada-ama.org">www.wada-ama.org</a></li></ul> <p>TTA's Anti-Doping policy can also be viewed on the TTA website under <a href="#">Governance</a>. It is the athlete's sole responsibility to comply with this policy including applying for therapeutic use exemptions when taking a banned medication for therapeutic reasons.</p>
Visa	<p>Should you need assistance to apply for a visa (e.g. a letter of invitation), please provide the following information by email to <a href="mailto:ceo@tabletennis.org.au">ceo@tabletennis.org.au</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full name as in passport</li><li>• Date of birth</li><li>• Function in the team</li><li>• Passport number and expiration date</li><li>• Photocopies of the passports of participants for whom a visa is needed</li></ul>



## Classification Information

**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 2019 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 into the event. Refer to the Table Tennis Australia Classification master list at [www.tabletennis.org.au/Elite/Athletes-With-Disabilities/Classification](http://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),
  - national review (NR) status,
- will also be seen by the classification panel.

**All Athletes that require classification will be scheduled for an assessment on 1 February 2019 and athletes who are scheduled must be available from the beginning of the classification period.**

**Athletes will be notified of the schedule via email (as provided on the entry form) 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](mailto:sue@tabletennis.org.au)
- Australian Paralympic Committee at [www.paralympic.org.au](http://www.paralympic.org.au) or [classification@paralympic.org.au](mailto:classification@paralympic.org.au)