

2004 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAYING SYSTEM

1. There will be a Championship Division with 12 Teams.
2. The Championship Division will be composed of the top 8 teams from the 2001 Osaka WTTC Team results plus the 4 highest ranked teams according to the Team Computer Ranking list of January 2004.
3. The teams in the Championships Division will be divided into 2 Round-Robin Groups of 6 teams each (A and B), followed by a Position Challenge match, then the "Page" system for positions 1-3, and positions 5-7. All other positions in the Championships Division will be determined by the Challenge match
4. There will be a First Division, Second Division, Third Division and Fourth Division.
5. The First, Second and Third Divisions will each have 12 teams according to the computer ranking list of January 2004.
6. The teams in the First, Second and Third Divisions will be divided into 2 Round-Robin Groups of 6 teams each (C-D, E-F, G-H) followed by a Position Challenge match. All the Final positions in these Divisions are determined by the Challenge match.
7. The teams will be drawn into the Groups according to their ranking order, two by two.
8. All other teams entered will be placed in the Fourth Division.
9. The Fourth Division may have more than 2 groups depending on the total number of teams entered.
10. Following Round-Robin play in the Fourth Division, the "progressive knock-out" system may be used to determine the Final positions from 49th and on.
11. Teams in the Championship Division may play between 6 and 8 matches
12. Teams in the First, Second and Third Divisions will play 6 matches each.
13. The number of matches for teams in the Fourth Division will depend on the total entry.
14. In the Championship Division Gold medals will be awarded to the winning team, Silver medals to the second, and Bronze medals to the 3rd and 4th placed teams.
15. In each other Division, medals or awards will be presented to each Division Champion.
16. Provided that the same system is maintained for 2006, the Top 6 Teams from the Championship Division will be guaranteed a place in the Championships Division in 2006. The remaining 6 available spots will be filled by the First Division Champion and by the highest 5 teams on the Team Computer Ranking.
17. Provided that the same system is maintained for 2006, each Division Champion will be guaranteed a place in the next higher Division in 2006 (unless the Team Computer Ranking places the team in an even higher Division by ranking). From the Fourth Division 2 teams will be promoted to the Third Division in 2006.

18. The first monthly official Team Computer Ranking will be issued by the Ranking Committee in September 2003.

19. Definitions:

Divisions: Each Division has 12 teams, except the Fourth Division may have more.

Groups: 2 Groups per Division, except the Fourth Division may have more

Round-Robin Match: Matches inside each Group

Position Challenge Match: Head-to-head matches between teams across the groups (A1 vs B1, etc.)

“Page” System: In Championship Division only applied for positions 1-3 and 5-7, consisting of one semi-final match, and one Final match