



HEADIS SPORTS AUSTRALIA TOURNAMENT RULES



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HEARTS, HEADS & BALLS

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1. HEADIS RUNDOWN

- Male and Female participants playing in Individual or 3 v 3 Team Tournaments. Participants must be 16 years or older to participate in tournaments.
- Round robin knockout tournament or as decided by Headis Tournament Organisers.
- Tournaments are all age and mixed unless decided otherwise by Headis Tournament Organisers. The highest finishing Male, Female and Team crowned Champions.

2. THE FIELD OF PLAY

- Required number of tables set up hosting the relevant numbers of players. Table and player numbers will depend on participation rates.
- In a Round Robin Knock out Tournament, each table is a separate group who play in a round robin tournament against each other.
- Top 4 (unless otherwise decided by Headis Tournament organisers) progress to the knockout stage of the Tournament against the players of all Tables.

3. SCORING

- Best of 3 rounds during group and knockout stages (unless otherwise decided by Headis Tournament organisers).
- First to 11 points each round win by 2 points (unless otherwise decided by Headis Tournament organisers).
- Final is best of 5 rounds first to 11 points win by 2 points (unless otherwise decided by Headis Tournament organisers).

4. THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- Each table will comprise of male and female players.
- If possible, each table will have the same number of players evenly split between male and female participants (unless otherwise decided by Headis Tournament organisers).

- Groups randomly selected unless the Tournament requires the use of Ranking.

5. THE EQUIPMENT

- Standard size table tennis table suitable for Headis.
- Headis ball.
 - Standard Headis ball pumped to about 50cm in circumference.
 - Ball weight approximately 100 grams.
- Headis net.
 - Standard rounded metal Headis net.
- Players to wear comfortable and appropriate clothing and closed shoes.

6. THE REFEREE

- Each table will be allocated a referee.
- Referee will adjudicate each point.
- Referee will keep score.
- If needed and when decided upon by Headis Tournament organisers, players may referee their own matches. Refereeing in these cases must be done in good faith and within the spirit of the game. If needed any disputes will be handled by Headis staff.

7. THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

- Group stage is best of 3 rounds first to 11 win by 2 points.
- Knockout stage is best of 3 rounds first to 11 win by 2 points.
- Final is best of 5 rounds first to 11 win by 2 points.
- Scoring will remain as indicated unless otherwise decided by Headis Tournament organisers. Changes to the scoring structure will be influenced by the number of players, time and tables available. Decisions on scoring will be made before the start of the Tournament.

8. THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

- Rock Scissors will determine who starts.
- The start of each round then alternates.

9. RULES OF PLAY

HEADIS-BALL

Special rubber ball that weighs 100 grams and has a circumference of 50 cm. The Headis Match Ball.

POINTS/SETS

A player has to win two sets to win the game. A set is won when a player reaches 11 points first. If both players have 10 points you have to get two points ahead to win a set.

The final is played over 5 sets.

A point is lost if you touch the ball with any other part of your body than your head.

If an opposition player is no longer able to compete in a match due to injury or disqualification, the opposing player will be rewarded with a victory winning all sets for that match 11-0.

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RIGHT TO SERVE

Rock Scissors is played to determine who serves first.

Services then changes after every three points played. If the score is 11:10 the set is played

until a player wins by two points. The right to serve then also changes to every two points played until there is a winner for that set. After each set the right to serve changes as well.

SERVICE

Service has to bounce on your side of the net first and then over the net to the opponents side. If the ball touches the net and goes in or the edge of your opponents table service will be repeated. Any other mistake at the service leads to a direct point for the opponent. During service a player is not allowed to hold the ball above the table. The ball has to be completely behind the baseline when it leaves the hand.

NET

A player is not allowed to return or touch the ball until it has completely cleared over the top of the net.

VOLLEYHEADER

A direct header without the ball touching the table is allowed (Volley header). After each header (volley or not) you have to touch the ground with any part of the body before playing your next shot. Direct headers are not allowed on a return of serve. The ball must bounce first.

TOUCHING THE TABLE

Players are allowed to touch the table with any part of their bodies permanently. After each header (volley or not) you have to touch the ground with any part of the body before playing your next shot.

FAIRPLAY

Fair play is important. Controversial situations will be repeated or decided on by the referee.

GROUPSTAGE / K.O. STAGE

At the group stage of the tournament each player plays against every other player in their group. Tables are adjusted to the number of tournament players. There will be 8 tables hosting 8 players each.

Once the group stages are completed, tournament will go straight into a knockout phase consisting of the top 4 players of each group.

If players have finished on even points, For and Against will be determined to split the players, if it is still a draw the player with the most round wins will progress, if it is still a draw then the winner of their corresponding match played will progress.

MEN/WOMEN

For men and women the same rules apply.

TOURNAMENT FEE / CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

Your tournament fee must be payed (unless fee waived or otherwise discussed) and confirmation of your participation received from Headis organisers before you can take part in any tournaments.

10. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Male and Female participants. (16 years +)
- Round robin knockout tournament.
- Each player will play everyone in their group at least once.
- Top 4 players from each group will progress to knockout stage.
- Final two players whether Male or Female will compete against each other in the final.
- Format will remain as indicated unless otherwise decided by Headis Tournament organisers. Changes to the scoring structure will be influenced by the number of players,

time and tables available. Decisions on Format will be made before the start of the Tournament.

11. MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

- Fair play is important. Controversial situations will be repeated or decided on by the referee or Headis staff.
- All players are expected to behave in a respectful and professional manner towards all Tournament players, officials, spectators and all venue property and staff.
- Players deemed to have engaged in serious misconduct may be disqualified from the tournament with no refund and may be banned for a period of time as decided by Headis Officials.
- Continuous misconduct may result in the players Headis registration completely removed with no refund.
- Offences committed by players which breach Local, State or National Laws may result in an Investigation by Law Enforcement.
- Remember, Headis is a fun, community focused sport and is intended to be played in good spirit, building on relationships and good will.

12. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- The health and safety of all persons within the playing area and venue is paramount. In the event that any threatening circumstance, whether actual or perceived, comes to the attention to the organiser (including for example weather, pitch invasions, act of God, Mechanical, Fire etc, then the players and officials should immediately be asked to leave the field of play in a safe and orderly manner and to relocate to a secure and safe area (depending on each particular threat and the venue Emergency exit plan.)
- Play will only resume once the actual or perceived threat has been eliminated and Tournament officials deem that it is safe or appropriate to continue.
- In the case that the Tournament is cancelled no one player will be deemed the winner and if possible, the Tournament rescheduled for a later date.
- Adhering to Headis Sports Australia Covid Safety Plan is essential.

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