

Tournaments can qualify for two levels of BFA approval:

- 1) **BFA Ranking Status:** the BFA Tournament Coordination Commission are satisfied, on a case-by-case basis, that the 'playing conditions' at a tournament are sufficient to produce valid results. Playing conditions include table type and condition; event format and match length.
- 2) **Official BFA Tournament Sanction:** the Tournament Coordination Committee, are further satisfied that the tournament not only produces valid results but also meets several important criteria found to enhance player experience.

These criteria are below and are, in most instances, couched in **will** statements. They are also supplemented by **should** or **may** statements that, although not requirements, point to good practice.

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance **will** be expected to meet the current ITSF requirement for classification as a Pro Tour event.

FORMAT (bold type denotes a format minimum requirement)

Friday - **Monster DYP**

- There **will** be a rolling **Monster DYP** with an accessible entry fee (eg. £2) that can be paid on site.

Saturday - **Open Doubles**

First stage:

- **There will be a qualifying group of Swiss of at least 6 rounds.**

Second stage:

- **The top 2/3 of the group will proceed to SE, best-of-five sets knockout; bottom 1/3 proceeds to 'Amateur' SE knockout.**
- **The top four players of each of these categories will proceed to SE, best-of-three sets knock-outs: Women's, Junior's, Seniors'**, Novice, Amateur, SP, Pro. These knock-outs **should** run concurrently to the Open knock-out stage.
- There **should** be a rolling Monster DYP for those who have been knocked out and still want to play competitively.

Sunday - **Open Singles**

- **As above, but as an Open Singles competition.**

PRICING AND PRIZES

- Weekend entry **will** be charged as a flat fee, irrespective of rank. It **may** be £30 for OS, OD and table fees (50/50 split table fees and cash prize/trophy fund). This **will** be payable both online and at the venue.
- One-day entry **will** be charged as a flat fee, irrespective of rank. It **may** be £20 for OS, OD and table fees (50/50 split table fees and cash prize/trophy fund).
- Cash prizes and trophies or medals **will** be awarded to any event winners, other than DYP.
- DYP entry **may** be an extra £2 entry, payable on site. DYP trophies/medals **should** be awarded.

ADMINISTRATION

- The tournament's date and location **will** be confirmed and made public at least two months in advance.
- FAST will be used and all participants **will** be BFA members registered on FAST.
- In order that the tournament be sanctioned, a **BFA Tournament Sanction Checklist** **will** be submitted to the BFA Sports Director at least nine weeks before the prospective date of the tournament.
- A TO and TD **will** be named in the BFA TRC.
- If the tournament is run by unproven tournament organisers, the **BFA Tournament Organisation Checklist** **will** subsequently be submitted to the BFA's satisfaction, at least one month before the tournament is to take place.

OTHER

- Tables **will** be in at least nearly new condition and be of current ITSF-approved specification and type.
- A lunch break of at least half an hour **will** be provided.
- Balls, wraps and lubricant **will** be on sale.
- If a two-day tournament, all games **will** finish before 9pm on Sunday evening.