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## **The NZCTTA Challenge Series 2021**

## Dear players,

Welcome back to the NZCTTA Challenge Series! The Challenge Series for the 2021 season will start on 15<sup>th</sup> May and finish on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Entry fee for each player is \$10. Entries can be registered in any NZCTTA Day Club session or via NZCTTA WeChat group. Players can pay entry fees in cash in any Day Club session or transfer the amount to the following bank account:

Account Name: NZ Chinese Table Tennis Association Inc.

Bank: ANZ Bank

Account Number: 01-0258-0079385-00

Just like the previous years, we will use Elo ratings system to manage the players rating points and rankings, use WeChat App to initiate challenge matches and publish the results in the 2021 season. The NZCTTA has also set up prizes in three categories to reward members' participation and skill improvement. The prizes are DHL 3-star balls. The prizes include:

- Prizes for most improved players in a month
- Prizes for most active players in a month
- Prizes for top 3 ranked players at the end of season

We will hold a Challenge Series Grand Final after the challenge season end. Top 8 or Top 12 ranked players will be invited to compete for the Grand Final champion. The details of the event will be announced at the end of challenge season in August.

We would like to highlight a few points about the challenge series this year:

Players can challenge opponents up to 15 places above in the 2021 season.

- We will set table 1, 2 and 10 aside for the challenge matches in the weekend's day club time. During these periods of time, the NZCTTA organizers could help to allocate the tables for matches, provide the scoreboard, and verify the results.
- We accept the match results between our challenge players in any tournament held by TTNZ or its affiliated table tennis organizations. Specifically, the match results from the ATTA interclub on every Wednesday & Thursday night are acceptable for rating calculation. In this case, the match winners should fill scoresheets and submit the results for the rating points.
- Participants must play minimum 3 matches in a month. Failure to do so will result in a rating point penalty that applies to everyone except for the #1 ranked player.

Please find the attached rules for the 2021 NZCTTA Challenge Series for more details. These rules are drafted to ensure fairness and justice for all participants. We wish all our members enjoy coming challenge season!

**NZCTTA Management Committee** 

3rd May 2021