



TEQBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER **ABIA 2024**

EVENTGUIDE



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Welcome Message

On behalf of the Nigeria Teqball Federation (NIGTEQ), I extend our warmest greetings as you gather in Aba for the highly anticipated Teqball World Championship Qualifier event.

We are thrilled to witness the national teqball community come together for what promises to be an exceptional showcase of talent and sportsmanship. We express our sincere gratitude to His Excellency, Gov. Alex Otti, the good, loving & caring people of Abia State and especially, each and every member of the teqball family for your dedication and hard work leading up to this momentous occasion.

The Aba Sports Club provide an ideal backdrop for our prestigious event, reflecting the ancient and modern world-class quality we expect from all participants.

Welcome to Enyimba City

Engr. Habu Gumel
President, Nigeria Teqball Federation

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II. COMPETITION INFORMATION

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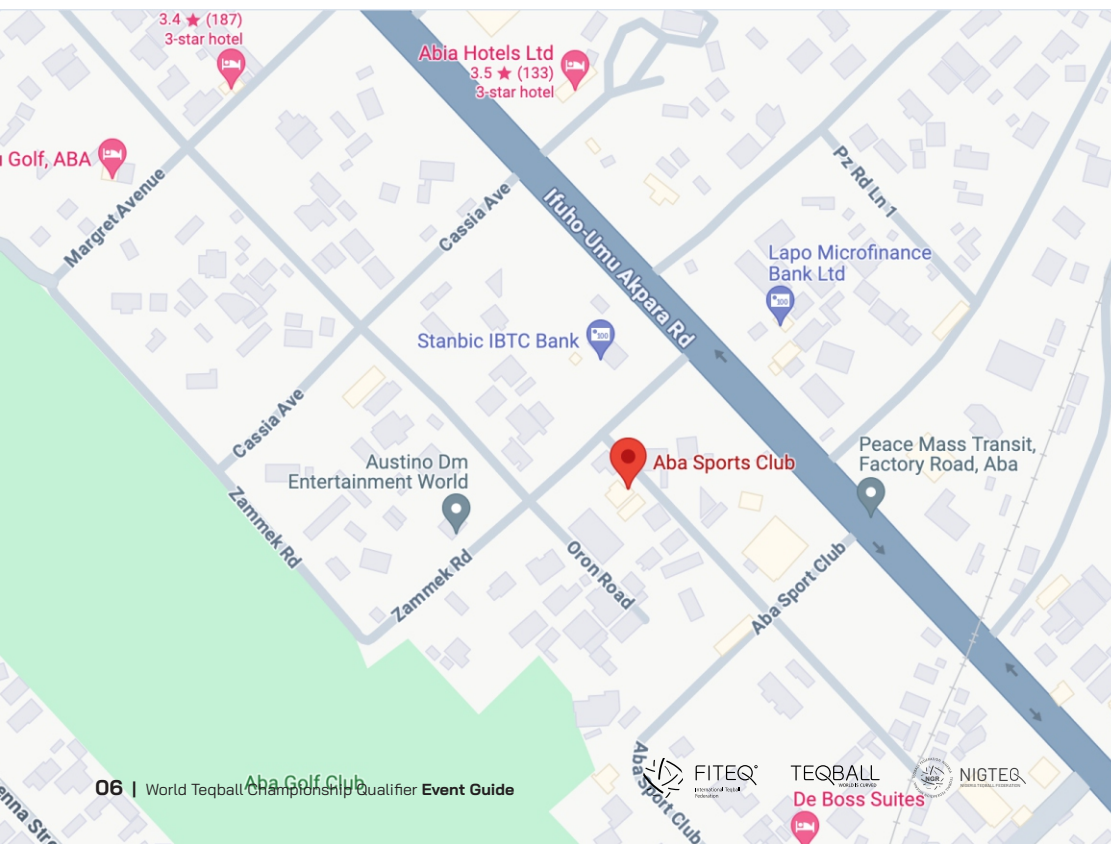
- Men' Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

Competition Date

- 17-20 July 2024

Competition Venue

- Aba Sports Club, 1 Club Road, Aba, 450102, Abia State.



ACCREDITATION PERIODS

Tuesday 16th July (day 0)

- 15:00 - 18:00 - Accreditation
- 15:00 - 18:00 - Training Opportunity

Wednesday 17th July (day 1)

- 07:30 - 8:30 - Accreditation
- 13:00-13:30 - Accreditation

Thursday 18th July (day 2)

- 07:30 - 8:30 - Accreditation
- 13:00-13:30 - Accreditation

Friday 19th July (day 3)

- 07:30 - 8:30 - Accreditation
- 13:00-13:30 - Accreditation

Please be aware that without an accreditation pass, participation in the event will not be possible.

Players can obtain their accreditation passes during the designated accreditation period.

In the event of losing your accreditation pass, you may request a replacement from the competition manager for a fee of N5,000.

However, if you lose your second pass, you will no longer be eligible to compete in the event.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

17th July (day 1)

08:00 - 13:00	Men's Singles Group Stage + Ko 16
13:00 - 18:00	Women's Singles Group Stage + Ko 16

18th July (day 2)

09:00 - 13:00	Mixed Doubles Group Stage
13:00 - 18:00	Men's Doubles Group Stage

19th July (day 3)

08:00 - 12:00	Women's Doubles Group Stage
12:00 - 15:00	Singles Category Quarter & Semi-finals
15:00 - 18:00	Doubles Knock Out Stage

20th July (day 4)

10:00 - 13:00	Bronze Medals Games
15:00 - 18:00	Finals

TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

The tournament will consist of a group stage and a knockout stage in all categories.

GROUP STAGE

Best of 3 set games - the first team to reach 12 points, only the decisive set must be won by 2 clear points difference.

KNOCK-OUT STAGE

Best of 3 sets games, only the decisive set must be won by 2 clear points difference.

QUALIFICATION RULES

In case of the same results between the teams the following guidelines and rules shall be applied to decide which team finishes higher:

- Direct result (in case of 2 teams);
- Results against each other with better set difference (in case of 3 or more teams);
- Results against each other with better point difference (in case of 3 or more teams);
- Results against the other teams of the group (sets, points);
- In case every result is the same, a coin toss will be made, and the winner finishes higher.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- Warm up time before the game: 1 MINUTE.
- Time out: ONCE every game. The teams/players do not change side after timeout but remain on their own half as before the Time-out.
- Break between the sets: 1 MINUTE. By entering the event, players agree to abide by The Official Rules and Regulation of Teqball (can be found at www.fiteq.org).

NATIONAL AND WORLD RANKING

- World Ranking points will be awarded as per Event Category III with the bonus points system implemented as per the NIGTEQ and FITEQ National and World Ranking Policy respectively.

COMPETITION FORMAT

MEN'S SINGLES:

32 players will be nominated for the Men's Singles category. Players will be drawn into 8 groups of 4.

The top 2 players from each group proceed to the knockout stage (KO 16).

WOMEN'S SINGLES:

32 players will be nominated for the Women's Singles category. :Players will be drawn into 8 groups of 4. The top 2 players from each group proceed to the knockout stage (KO 16).

MEN'S DOUBLES:

16 teams will be nominated for the Men's Doubles category. Teams will be drawn into 4 groups of 4. The top 2 teams from each group proceed to the knockout stage (KO 8).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES:

16 teams will be nominated for the women's doubles category. Teams will be drawn into 4 groups of 4. The top 2 players from each group proceed to the knockout stage (KO 8).

MIXED DOUBLES:

32 teams will be nominated for the mixed doubles category. Teams will be drawn into 8 groups of 4. The top 2 teams from each group proceed to the knockout stage (KO 16).

PARTICIPATING STATES

Abia, Anambra, Bayelsa, Benue, Delta, Enugu, Gombe, Imo, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kogi, Kwara, Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, Taraba.

ACCREDITATION

Players and delegations will receive an official accreditation pass to the 2024 World Teqball Championship Qualifier - Abia 2024 venues, and competition areas. Players can request an accreditation pass only within the designated accreditation periods. The accreditation must be worn at all times and the holder of the accreditation can be asked to prove their identity during the competition at any time.

Every Player must present a valid ID card/ passport and must submit the jersey/ shorts as well for approval to the competitions@nigteq.com no later than 2 weeks before the competition starting time.

Please be aware that without an accreditation pass, participation in the event will not be possible. Players can obtain their accreditation passes during the designated accreditation period. In the event of losing your accreditation pass, you may request a replacement from the Competition Manager for a fee of N5,000.

However, if you lose your second pass, you will no longer be eligible to compete in the event.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES – WARM UP AREA

Practice opportunities - warm up area

Practice opportunities at the competition venue will be provided between 15:00 to 18:00 on the 16th of July on 4 tables.

A separate warm-up area will be available during the whole competition on 2 tables.

Please only use the warm-up facilities 60 minutes prior to your match in order to allow everyone to have enough time and space to practice.

UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES

All Players and Teams must provide their own sports clothing.

All Players and Teams must have a minimum of two (2) sets of Shirts/Jerseys, each of a different shade. Non-compliance, failure to bring both jerseys, may result in fines ranging from N20,000 to N50,0000 imposed by NIGTEQ. Prior to each game, teams shall agree on their uniform. 'Home' team chooses first which jersey to wear.

If no agreement is reached there will be a coin toss by the Referee, after which the winning team shall choose their preferred colour.

Team members must wear matching playing uniforms i.e. both players must wear the same type and colour shorts and jerseys as one another.

Headbands, sweatbands and religious headwear are permitted. Sunglasses and hats not permitted.

Teams on the field may not display sponsors that feature logos from other sports or conflict with NIGTEQ's interests, as well as tobacco and alcohol products.

All uniforms must be in line with the Equipment Regulations.



WARNING SYSTEM

During the competition, Referees will use cards to demonstrate disciplinary actions, to ensure visibility and understanding of the procedures. Disciplinary actions remain the same according to the rulebook:

- Unsporting conduct occurs when a Player makes any inappropriate verbal remark or non-verbal gesture to the opponent Players, Team Officials, Referees, Spectators or any other stakeholders who are part of the match/tournament;
- If the Main Referee considers the Player's conduct to be unsporting, they may sanction the Player according to the following three steps:
 - Verbal warning – for unsporting behaviour, the Main Referee must issue a verbal warning to the offending Player or Team Official, without awarding a point, unless the opposing Player/Team is clearly going to win the point. If the opposing Player/Team wins the point after unsporting conduct, the point must be awarded, and a verbal warning must be issued afterwards. The Main Referee may use their own words to explain the type of unsporting behaviour and then must warn the Player that for the next similar action, a point will be awarded to the opponent Player/Team. – **WARNING CARD.**
 - Where an unsporting behaviour takes place for a second time by the Player/Team or Team Official, the Main Referee must award a point to the opponent Player/Team and call out: "Second warning! Point to the opponent!" This step may be used several times if

an Player continues with unsporting behaviour. –
POINT TO THE OPPONENT CARD

- Dismissal – in the case of an extreme offence or continuous unsporting behaviour, the Main Referee may dismiss an Player by reporting them to the Competition Manager and/or the Chief Referee. The dismissal must be made by either the Competition Manager or the Chief Referee. After the dismissal, the opposing Player/Team wins the match, but all previously earned points by the dismissed Player remain valid.
- A warning or penalty incurred by any member of a team shall apply to the whole team.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CATERING

Water will be available during the competition.

MEDICAL ROOM

NIGTEQ will provide a medical team and a physiotherapist available free of charge at the competition venue during competition hours.

PLAYER INSURANCE

Players participate at their own risk. It is highly advised to obtain competition-based insurance, as NIGTEQ will not be liable for any medical expenses.

PLAYER BIO

It is mandatory for Players who have emerged victorious in the semi-finals to promptly attend the shooting session, bringing both the home and away jerseys with them. Failure to appear on time or neglecting to bring both jersey may result in NIGTEQ exercising its right to impose a fine ranging between N50,000 and N100,000 on the Player and their respective State Association or Club.

Additionally, NIGTEQ retains the right to disqualify the Player for non-adherence to these requirements. Participation in Player Bio shooting is mandatory. It is essential for participants to arrive on time for video shooting. NIGTEQ retains the authority to impose penalties, including fines of up to N50,000 and N100,000 or potential disqualification, in the event of non-compliance with the attendance requirement.

FLOORING

Black Plastic Sport Floor

GAME ZONE AREA POLICY

1. General Entry and Usage

- 1.1 Players, coaches, and team officials are permitted to enter the Game Zone Area 10 minutes before their scheduled match. Prior to that, they may utilize the designated warm-up area.
- 1.2 Main and Assistant Referees, as well as Chief Referees, are also allowed to enter the Game Zone only 10 minutes before the game they are officiating.

2. Post-Match Protocol

- 2.1 Upon completion of their match, players must promptly exit the Field of Play (FOP) and the Game Zone. The designated route for exiting is through the Mixed Zone, and it is important to note that there is only one entrance/exit point for the Game Zone.
- 2.2 In the Mixed Zone, photographers, videographers, press, and social media teams are allowed to request interviews with players. Players are obligated to respond to inquiries from these authorized personnel.

3. Game Zone Access Limits

- 3.1 Only one coach and two team officials per nation are permitted in the Game Zone during matches.
- 3.2 The NIGTEQ Social Media Team as well as accredited press with extra signage are only allowed in the Game Zone during the event.

3.3 FITEQ STAFF are always allowed to use the Game Zone Area.

4. **Exceptional Access**

4.1 During matches, the Press Officer, Chief Referees, and Competition Managers have the authority to consider requests for access to the Game Zone by athletes or press. Such requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis with due consideration for the overall event regulations.

5. **Compliance and Enforcement**

5.1 Athletes, coaches, team officials, referees, and staff are expected to adhere to the Game Zone Area Policy at all times.

5.2 Failure to comply with the policy may result in penalties, including fines or disqualification, as determined by the event organizers.

5.3 The Press Officer, Chief Referees, and Competition Managers will actively enforce the policy during the Teqball World Series 2024 Madrid.

6. **Amendments to the Policy**

6.1 The Teqball World Series 2024 Madrid organizers reserve the right to amend or update the Game Zone Area Policy as needed. Any changes will be communicated to all relevant parties in a timely manner.

This policy is designed to ensure the smooth operation of the Game

Zone Area during the Teqball World Series and to provide a structured environment for athletes, coaches, and media personnel. All participants are expected to respect and adhere to these guidelines for the successful execution of the event.

COACH CODE

1 Introduction:

The Teqball World Series aims to maintain the highest standards of professionalism, sportsmanship, and fair play. Coaches, being pivotal contributors to the event, are required to adhere to a comprehensive code of conduct and accreditation policy to ensure the smooth and respectful conduct of matches and contribute to the positive atmosphere of the championship.

2. Coach Accreditation:

Coach Accreditation can only be obtained during designated accreditation hours. Specific details can be found in the Event guide on fiteq.org. Only coaches with valid Coach Accreditation are permitted next to the Field of Play (FoP) during their team's matches, in accordance with their registration. No person is allowed to enter the coaching box after the Coin Toss procedure of a match.

3. Adherence to Rules and Regulations:

Coaches are expected to strictly adhere to The Official Rules and Regulations of Teqball. Coaches must remain within the designated coaching box/coaching zone throughout the match, including breaks between sets, warm-up, or time-outs. Re-entry to the coaching box is not permitted once a coach leaves. Coaches must refrain from talking or providing instructions to their athlete/team during rallies.

4. Sportsmanship and Celebration:

Coaches are encouraged to celebrate and motivate their teams in a

manner that upholds the spirit of fair play (Spirit of the Game). Coaches must embody the values of teqball and consistently demonstrate respect towards officials, other players, and spectators.

5. Clothing and Equipment Regulations:

Coaches must adhere to the clothing and equipment regulations outlined below.

5.1 National Clothing:

- Coaches are strongly encouraged to wear official team uniforms.
- Official team uniforms should be worn during official matches, team meetings, and any other championship-related events.

5.2 Neat and Professional Appearance:

- Coaches must maintain a neat and professional appearance at all times.
- Clothing should be clean, free of wrinkles, and in good condition.

5.3 Footwear:

- Sneakers or sports shoes are mandatory to wear during the competition.

5.4 Logos and Sponsorship:

- Coaches are allowed to wear clothing with small and discrete logos representing team sponsors.
- The display of commercial logos, political symbols, or any offensive content is strictly prohibited.

5.5 Attire Recommendations:

- During the qualifiers stages, coaches are advised to

wear official team uniforms.

- For the broadcasted matches, coaches are recommended to wear business casual attire or official team uniforms.

6. Post-Match Responsibilities:

After matches, coaches are responsible for ensuring that the coaching box is kept clean and free from any litter, such as bottles, towels, or snack packaging.

7. Electronic Devices and Communication:

The use of electronic devices or communication tools by coaches during matches is strictly prohibited unless explicitly permitted by the event organizers for specific purposes.

Coaches must refrain from talking or providing instructions to their player/team during rallies.

8. Enforcement and Penalties:

Violation of any of the above guidelines may result in penalties, including fines, suspension, or other measures deemed necessary by the Competition Team.

9. Conclusion:

This policy is designed to ensure the integrity and smooth operation of the Teqball World Championship Qualifier. Coaches are expected to familiarize themselves with and abide by these guidelines for the duration of the event.

This policy is subject to change at the discretion of NIGTEQ. Any updates will be communicated promptly to all participating teams and coaches.



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