

# Table tennis

The world's largest participation sport – with over 40 million competitive players worldwide – will follow a knockout system, with each match consisting of a maximum seven sets



## PLAY STYLES

Each element of the racket has been designed to suit different styles of play

### OFFENSIVE:

High speed and spin

**Blade:** Up to seven-ply with carbon-fibre core. More rigid for faster ball

**Pimples:** Inward – smoothness gives faster topspin

**Surface:** Elastic for spin

**Sponge:** Hard for speed

### Racket

No limit on size, shape or weight

### Blade

85% natural wood

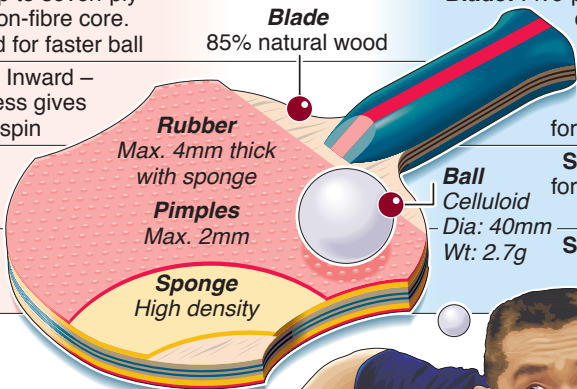
**DEFENSIVE:** Better control, less spin. Reduced speed

**Blade:** Five-ply, damping outer layers. Elastic feel

**Pimples:** Outward for spin control

**Surface:** Soft for high friction

**Sponge:** Soft for braking effect



### Ball

Celluloid

Dia: 40mm

Wt: 2.7g

### GRIP

#### European

**Shake-hands** – bat held in palm of hand as in tennis

#### Asian

**Penholder** – held like a pen when writing. Favoured by many players from Far East



#### Asian grip

Japanese style

#### Asian grip

Chinese style

Galatsi Olympic Hall

AUGUST

13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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## SYDNEY RESULT

	Men: Singles		Doubles	Women: Singles		Doubles
Gold	L. Kong	CHN	China	N. Wang	CHN	China
Silver	J. Waldner	SWE	China	Ju Li	CHN	China
Bronze	G. Liu	CHN	France	Jing Li	TPE	Korea