

2.8.4 Satellites

- (a) Definition:
 - (i) A Satellite is an international tournament reserved for players who are not highly ranked in the FISTF lists. However, all FISTF standards must be respected.
- (b) Specific competition rules:
 - (i) Each MNA of FISTF is entitled to organize three (3) Satellites per season.
 - (ii) At least 8 players must take part for world ranking points to be awarded.
 - (iii) Only players ranked outside the top 100 in the [individual, Open World Ranking](#) may take part. [This restriction applies to both individual and team competitions.](#)
 - (iv) In a Satellite, all players should compete in the Open category. The only other categories allowed are U20, U16 and U12.
 - (v) Players competing in other Categories (i.e., U20, U16, U12) are restricted to those ranked outside the top 20 in the World Ranking.
 - (vi) For Europe, an order of preference of three dates has been requested on **Form 04**. The calendar will be established by the Sports Director according to the preferred dates of each tournament.
 - (vii) Satellites are allowed the third weekend of the month.
- (c) Tournament System:
 - (i) The organiser must inform FISTF of the format of the tournament one month before its date.
 - (ii) When recording registrations, if the players register in a category (under the conditions of date of birth and gender) and that this category cannot be on the program, the organizer has a duty to tell the players concerned with the different structure of the tournament. But the Open category is a mandatory category.
- (d) Satellites Organizers Obligations
- (e) The following are mandatory obligations on the Organizers of the FISTF Satellite:
 - (i) Results file properly completed and submitted before the Friday after the event to <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>
- (f) Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the FISTF Tournament Organizers Handbook is mandatory.
- (g) Teams Competition:
 - (i) Satellites for teams can be organized.
 - (ii) Only clubs which are not in the Top 20 of the Teams Ranking can take part. [As noted above, no player in the top 100 world \(individual, open\) ranking may take part in the team competition, in any circumstances.](#)
 - (iii) Minimum of 4 teams must take part for world ranking points to be awarded.

~~(iv)~~—A club from the Top 20 can register its B-team providing :

~~(v)~~—~~T~~he B-team is not in the world's Top 20, ~~and~~;

~~(vi)~~~~(iv)~~—~~The players taking part are not in the Top 100 in the Open world ranking.~~

(h) Wild cards:

(i) For Satellites organized outside Europe, there is no restriction on the qualification of players for the event.