



Done deal: TTAM officials at the draw ceremony for the Malaysia Table Tennis League 2007 yesterday. From left: Soong Poh Wah, executive director TTAM; Dr Yee Chow Boi, president Negri Sembilan TTA; Dato Low Keng Kok, vice-president TTAM; Chen Fook Yen, general manager TTAM and Cyril Sen, referee.

16 teams to compete in MTTL next month

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KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 16 teams, including three from Singapore, will compete in the Fourth Malaysia Table Tennis League (MTTL), beginning next month.

Among the teams in the fray are defending champions Safra of Singapore and top local sides INTI-UC and Budi J.S., who have national and back-up squad players in their ranks. Each team is allowed to register one foreign player.

The preliminary rounds for team and individual (singles) events will be held over three legs - in Seremban (May 5-6), Selangor (June 23-24) and Kluang (Aug 4-5).

The Grand Finals is scheduled for Sept 8-9 at the OCM Indoor Sports Arena in Kuala Lumpur.

The vice-president of the Table Tennis Association of Malaysia (TTAM), Datuk Low Keng Kok, said after the groupings were made at the TTAM office in Taman Maluri, Cheras, yesterday that they had increased

the champions' purse for the Grand Finals from RM10,000 to RM12,000.

"Prize money will also be given to the top two finishers in the team event in each leg of the league. The winners will get RM1,000 and the runners-up will receive RM500," he said.

The champion of the individual event of the Finals will receive RM800, the runner-up RM400 and the losing semi-finalists RM200 each.

For the team event of the Finals, the breakdown of the prize money is: RM12,000 (champions), RM6,000 (runners-up), RM3,000 (third), RM1,500 (fourth), RM800 (fifth), RM700 (sixth), RM600 (seventh) and RM500 (eighth).

The groupings

Group A: Safra (Sin), Promptcon Enterprise, Malacca Training Centre, Petaling District PPA.
 Group B: INTI-UC, Sunsports White (Sin), EZFLY, Techno Water.
 Group C: Sunsports Red (Sin), Kedang Bay Resort, Sukma Johor, STTA Training Centre.
 Group D: DC Hydraulics, Penang Sukma, Anox Lubricants, Budi J.S.