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## SOC – Swedish Open Championships

The Swedish Table Tennis Association and the City of Malmö have the pleasure of inviting your team to participate in SOC- Swedish Open Championships – an ITTF Pro-Tour major Event which will be held from 20-23 November (19 November if qualification is needed) 2003 in Malmö, Sweden.

Enclosed you will find all information about this event as well as the preliminary entry form, which we wish you to return not later than the **10 October 2003** and the definitive entry form which has to be returned to us at **27 October 2003** at the latest.

Looking forward to welcoming your delegation in Malmö.

Yours sincerely

The Swedish Table Tennis Association

City of Malmö



Organiser: Swedish Table Tennis Association and City of Malmö

ITTF ProTour  
Director: Mr. Mats Gustafsson, ITTF Technical Committee member.

Venue: The Baltic hall, Eric Perssons väg, SE 217 62 Malmö  
See [www.malmo.se](http://www.malmo.se)

Town: The city of Malmö is the commercial centre of southern Sweden and an international city. This is expressed, not in the least, by the fact that Malmö has 265.000 residents who speak some 100 languages and belong to 164 different nationalities.

The city of Malmö is also undergoing a transition from being an industrial city to a city of knowledge. Older industries have been replaced by investments in new technology and training programmes of high calibre. Malmö University, which opened in 1998, is Sweden's latest venture in the field of higher education, accommodating some 15.000 students.

Event: Men's single (MS), Women's single (WS), Men's doubles (MD), Women's Doubles (WD), Men's singles under 21 (MS-U21), Women's singles under 21 (WS-U21)

Preliminary  
Schedule: Wednesday 19 – qualification if needed ,Thursday 20 - qualifications, Friday 21, Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 November – main tournament

The tournament will be played on 8 tables and other 8 tables are available in the training hall

System of play: Qualification matches in Men's and Women's singles will be played in Round Robin groups with up to 4 players in each group, matches will be best of seven games.

Qualification matches in doubles will be played as straight knock out, matches will be best of five games.

Qualification matches in the U21-events will be played in Round robin groups with up to 4 players, matches will be played best of five games.

All singles/doubles in the main tournament will be best of seven games.

Draw: The draw will be done according to the Regulations applying for ITTF ProTour.



Prize money: 90.100 US Dollars as follows:

	MS	WS	MD	WD
1 <sup>st</sup> place	15.000	10.000	4.000	3.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	7.500	5.000	2.000	1.500
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> place	3.750	2.500	1.000	750
5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> place	1.875	1.250	-	-
9 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> place	1.000	700	-	-

Equipment: Tables: STIGA Premium Compact  
Net: STIGA Premium VM  
Balls: STIGA \*\*\* white  
Floor: Gerflor Taraflex

Hospitality. We will offer one \*\*\* + hotel and one \*\*\*\* hotels.

***+ Hotel	Single room	SEK 1.350 per person
	Double room	SEK 1.100 per person
**** Hotel	Single room	SEK 1.500 per person
	Double room	SEK 1.200 per person

The hospitality includes hotel, full board and transportation. Other expenses (room service fee, telephone fee etc.) shall be borne by the participants of his/her association.

Transportation: Free transport service from/to Malmö south, first station in Sweden when you arrive with the oresund train. **ONLY if arrival information is given before 27 October 2003.** Shuttle bus service between the official hotels and the playing hall.

From Copenhagen central station to Malmö south, public trains (oresund trains) can be used. Charges as follow – from Copenhagen 10 EUR per trip, takes about 25 min. From Kastrup 10 EUR per trip, takes about 12 min.

If you arrive by airplan or train to Malmö, the best travel choice is to go by Copenhagen/Kastrup. From Kastrup airport and Copenhagen central station goes public trains to Malmö south every 20 min.

Meals: All meals will be served in the hotels.



Entry Fee/  
Payment:

If your association do not want to buy our hospitality package, your participants have to pay an entry fee of SEK 1.000 per person.

The cost for hospitality have to be paid not later than the 27 October 2003. Please transfer the amount to:

SWEBANK S-105 34 STOCKHOLM

BIC/SWIFT address SWEDSESS.

Account no SE7580000821499749653656

Marked: SOC-Swedish Open Championships.

Each federation has to pay for all its participants, we can not accept payment by any individuals.

Visa:

If you need a visa to enter Sweden, you must obtain it from a Swedish governmental establishment (Swedish embassies and consulates general) in your country prior to leaving for Sweden.

**Please notice that it sometimes takes several weeks to obtain a visa.**

If you have any problems obtaining visa, please ask the Swedish governmental establishment to phone the Swedish Migration Board. Telephone no +46 11 156000

Deadline for  
Preliminary entries:

10 October 2003

Deadline for  
Final entries:

27 October 2003

The entries have to be sent through the associations. The entries for doubles have to mention the name of the partners.

Please send entries to:

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