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Ref.: Official Invitation

Dear Friends:

We're inviting your association to take part in the 15th Brazilian Open Championships, an ITTF Pro Tour Event, including this year a special tournament for Youth – U-21, which will be held at Rio de Janeiro City, on next June-26 to 29, 2003.

We're informing below the details of the tournament:

1) Organizer:

Brazilian Table Tennis Confederation
ITTF Pro Tour Director – José Zipperer Junior
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2) Venue:

Sports Center Miécimo da Silva
Rua Olinda Ellis, 470 – Campo Grande – Rio de Janeiro – RJ

3) Events:

3.1) ITTF Pro Tour

- Men's singles, Women's singles.
- Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles.
- Under 21 Men's and Women's singles.

Final Stage Playing System:

Men's and Women's singles

- Full draw of 64 without "Byes" (unless necessary)
- 32 seeded players.
- 32 players from qualifications.
- All matches will be played in best of 7 sets – 11 points.

Men's and Women's doubles

- Full draw of 16 without "Byes" (unless necessary)
- 8 seeded doubles.
- 8 doubles from qualifications.
- The qualifying rounds will be played under the knock-out system to obtain 8 entries.
- All the qualification matches will be played in best of 5 sets – 11 points.
- All the main round matches will be played in best of 7 sets – 11 points.

Qualifying Playing System:

Men's and Women's Singles

Pools of 3 or 4 players. The qualification for the main draw will depend on the number of entries and the corresponding number of groups.

3.2) Under-21 (For players Born on/after 1st January, 1982).

- Full draw of 16 without "Byes" (unless necessary)
- All players compete in Qualifying Pools of 3 or 4 players.
- Qualifying matches are the best of 5 sets –11.
- Main Round matches are the best of 7 sets – 11.

4) General Schedule

4.1) ITTF Pro Tour Event / Under 21

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Thursday (June-26) (8 tables) | Women's Doubles and Singles Men's Doubles and Singles (Qualifying rounds) |
| Friday (June-27) (8 tables) | Women's Doubles and Singles (1 st /2 st rounds) Men's Doubles and Singles (1 st /2 st rounds) |
| Saturday (June-28) (4-2 tables) | Women's Singles (3 st round/Q-final) Women's Doubles (Q-final/S-final) Men's Singles (3 st round/Q-final) Men's Doubles (Q-final/S-final) |
| Sunday (June-29) (1 table) | Women's Doubles (final) Women's Singles (S-final/final) Men's Doubles (final) Men's Single (S-final/final) |

5) Equipment

Tables (blue), balls (white, 3 stars, 40mm), Net/Scorer – TIBHAR
Flooring – Nagase/Kenko

6) Prize Money (only for the ITTF Pro Tour Event)

US\$ 90.100 will be distributed according to the schedule bellow.

| | MS | WS | MD | WD |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 ^o | 15.000 | 10.000 | 4.000 | 3.000 |
| 2 ^o | 7.500 | 5.000 | 2.000 | 1.500 |
| SF (2) | 3.750 | 2.500 | 1.000 | 750 |
| QF (4) | 1.875 | 1.250 | ----- | ----- |
| R16 (8) | 1.000 | 700 | ----- | ----- |
| T o t a l | 45.500 | 30.600 | 8.000 | 6.000 |

The prize money will be submitted to the current taxes following the Brazilian law (20% of each value will be retained).

7) Hospitality / Meal / Transport

The participants will be accommodated in hotels situated no more than 30 minutes distance by car to the venue.

Hotel A – Hotel Monza – Avenida Embaixador Abelardo Bueno, 1000 – Barra da Tijuca - Tel – 24411885

US\$ 90,00 – double room

US\$ 120,00 – single room

Hotel B – Meliá Confort Hotel – Avenida das Américas, 7897 – Barra da Tijuca – Tel – 24921250

US\$ 110,00 – double room

US\$ 140,00 – single room

The prices above will be charged at person/day, including meals and internal transportation from Galeão International Airport in Rio de Janeiro to the hotels and from the hotels to the venue.

(Hotel and Airport Transportation Information Coming Soon)

8) Entry Fee for the ITTF Pro Tour and U-21 Events

The entry fee for participation in the ITTF Pro Tour is US\$ 100,00 (one hundred American dollars) for all players who do not want to use our hospitality system.

The preliminary entries must be sent to BTTC **before May-03** and the final entries **no later than May-20**. Please, use our fax number: 55 21 2286-8143 or the e-mails cbtm@cbtm.org.br or zipperer@cbtm.org.br

10) Entry Visa

The Brazilian entry visa is granted based in the Resolution Norm nº 33 of 10, August of 1999, Article 5th, below.

Art. 5th The tourist visa can be granted to participants of sports competitions and artistic events, provided they don't receive any salary or fixed fee paid by Brazilian company. It is allowed to them receive prize money, including cash money.

Alaor Gaspar Pinto Azevedo
P r e s i d e n t e

15^o BRAZILIAN OPEN

ITTF Pro Tour Event
June 26-29, 2003
Rio de Janeiro – Brasil

ENTRY FORM DATE LIMIT: 20/5

Association _____

| | Men´s singles Event | Women´s singles Event |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | | |

| | Men´s single Under 21 (Born on/after 1981) | Women´s single Under-21 (born on/after 1981) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | | |

| | Men´s Doubles | Women´s Doubles |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | |
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |
| 3 | | |

| | Officials | Coaches |
|---|-----------|---------|
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |

Schedule of Travel

| Arrival | | | Departure | | |
|---------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Day | Hour | Flight | Day | Hour | Flight |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

ACOMODATION

(If not informed, the organizers will decide).

Number of Single Rooms _____
Number of Double Rooms _____

Signature – National Association

Please, send this entry form to the fax number 55 21 579-0650 or to the e-mails
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