



## PROSPECTUS

# FINAL WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

**Budapest (HUN), 8 – 11 May 2008**

**AUTHORITY/  
ORGANISERS:**

The Hungarian Table Tennis Association (HTTA) under the authority granted by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) is organising the Final World Olympic Qualification Tournament.

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**ELIGIBILITY:**

The tournament is open to players of all National Olympic Committees (NOC), which shall enter the players through the ITTF member Associations concerned. All participating players have to be eligible to represent their NOC in the Olympic Games according to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the ITTF regulations.

**VENUE:**

Round Sports Hall and SYMA Event Hall  
Istvánmezei út 3-5.  
H-1146 Budapest  
Hungary

**EVENTS:**

Men's singles and Women's singles

**SYSTEM OF PLAY:** *see attached*

If a minimum number of qualifiers is known, players who definitely fall within this range will not have to play further matches.

However the top 4 positions will be decided and prize money will be awarded to the winner, finalist and semifinalists as follows:

	<i>men</i>	<i>women</i>
winner	6.000 EUR (1x)	6.000 EUR (1x)
finalist	3.000 EUR (1x)	3.000 EUR (1x)
semi-finalists	1.500 EUR (2x)	1.500 EUR (2x)
total:	12.000 EUR	12.000 EUR

Prize Money will be paid within 30 days of the event from the ITTF Ottawa office.

**PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE:**

Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> Stage	earliest starting time 10.00 h
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> Stage	earliest starting time 10.00 h
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage	earliest starting time 10.00 h
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage	earliest starting time 10.00 h

**RULES/  
REGULATIONS:**

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the current laws of table tennis, the regulations for International Competitions and regulations for Olympic Qualification Tournaments agreed between the ITTF and the IOC.

**PLAYING  
CONDITIONS/  
PRACTICE:**

The tournament will be played in two connected halls on 12 tables. There will be 8 tables for practice.  
Practice in the venue is possible on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00 a.m.

**EQUIPMENT:**

ITTF-approved equipment for the tournament:

Tables: JOOLA (blue)  
Nets: JOOLA  
Balls: JOOLA Gold (white 3-stars)  
Flooring: Gerflor

**ENTRIES:**

Each NOC may enter up to 3 men and 3 women players, minus, for each event, the number of their players already qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games by their World Ranking position or through the continental qualification tournaments.

**Entries must be submitted and arrive before Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (for Africa and Asia) and before Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April (for Europe, Latin America, North America, Oceania) until 23:59 h local time (CET) by fax or letter (no e-mail!) to:**

**ITTF Lausanne Office  
Chemin de la Roche 11  
1020 Renens/Lausanne  
Switzerland  
Fax: +41-21-340 7099**

**with a copy to:**

**Hungarian Table Tennis Association (MOATSZ)  
Istvánmezei út 1-3., room 204  
H-1146 Budapest  
Hungary  
Fax: +36-1-4606842**

In order to help the preparation of the organisers and due to the short time-line after completing the continental qualifications there is an earlier entry deadline for those continents (Africa and Asia) where continental qualifications have already been finished.

*ITTF will only accept entry forms signed by a representative and with the stamp of the nominating NOC which are received by letter or by fax before the closing date. In no circumstances will they accept entries not nominated by an eligible NOC. Entries arriving after the deadline will not be accepted regardless of the reason for the delay.*

**OBLIGATIONS:**

The entry form contains a statement that the nominated players will compete against any other participating player. A mandated official of the nominating Association must sign this statement, and no entry form will be accepted unless such a declaration has been given.

**VISA:**

Associations which need an individual invitation letter for their delegation members to obtain Hungarian visa should inform the Hungarian TTA at their earliest convenience. The list of countries needing visa to enter Hungary can be checked at the following link:

[http://www.kulugyminiszterium.hu/kum/en/bal/consular\\_services/Entry\\_of\\_Foreiners\\_to\\_Hungary/visa\\_exemption/](http://www.kulugyminiszterium.hu/kum/en/bal/consular_services/Entry_of_Foreiners_to_Hungary/visa_exemption/)

**HOSPITALITY:**

All participants (players, coaches, doctors, officials and accompanying guests) except referees, umpires and other persons invited by the ITTF have to pay their hospitality costs as follows:

**Double Room**

- 3 days package at 330 EUR per person and 100 EUR per person per extra day.

**Single Room**

- 3 days package at 450 EUR per person and 140 EUR per person per extra day.

Payment can be done by cash (only Euro will be accepted) upon arrival at the accreditation, or transferred after receipt of the pre-invoice to the following bank account:

Bank name: OTP Bank Rt.

Account name: MAGYAR ASZTALITENISZ SZÖVETSÉG (HTTA)

Account number: 11703006-20440305

Swift (BIC) code: OTPVHUHB

IBAN code: HU75 1170300620440305 00000000

**Hospitality includes:**

- Accommodation in a 4-star hotel with breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet
- Free transportation from Budapest Ferihegy Airport or Budapest railway stations to/from the venue/hotel on the day of arrival and departure.
- Shuttle bus service is not necessary; venue and hotel are in 2 min. walking distance.

Hotel Stadion:

Ifjúság útja 1-3., H-1148 Budapest, Hungary

**Cancellation fee:**

- For cancellations of rooms after 23rd April participants and delegation members will be charged with 100 EUR per person.

**ACCREDITATION:**

Will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May from 10:00 a.m. at the hotel.

**DEADLINES:**

For sending the 'entry form' (no e-mail) and including required statements:

- **1st April 2008 (for Africa and for Asia)**
- **15th April 2008 (for all the others)**

For sending the 'hotel booking/official party' forms:

- **15th April 2008**

For sending 'travel details':

- **23rd April 2008**

*Please note that no player entry will be accepted after the entry deadlines. Associations can make some replacements (only by fax or letter mail) on their players' entry list until 48 hours before the draw, latest at 03.00 p.m. (local time) on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of May.*

**DRAWS:**

The draw for 1<sup>st</sup> Stage (preliminary groups) will be conducted on **Wednesday 7th May at 03.00 p.m at the venue.**

The draws for the different stages will be conducted as soon as possible after finishing the previous stage. They will be announced in due time during the tournament.

**JURY MEETING:**

The Jury will meet at the venue on **Wednesday 7th May at 06.00 p.m.**

**REFEREES AND UMPIRES:**

An umpires briefing will be held on **Wednesday 7th May at 07.00 p.m.** at the venue. Referee, Deputy Referees will be nominated by the ITTF URC in agreement with the organisers. The Hungarian TTA will send the invitation of the international umpires in a separate letter.

**MEDICAL SERVICE/ INSURANCE**

Medical service will be provided in the hall during the competition. However, we draw your attention that it is each association's responsibility to take care about health, injury and luggage insurance for its delegation members.

**ANTI-DOPING:**

Anti-doping controls will be conducted in accordance with IOC and ITTF regulations.

Athletes with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method must first obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Playing system  
Entry Form and Statement  
Form 'Hotel Booking/Official Party'  
Form 'Travelling Details'