



PROSPECTUS FOR THE

**47th LIEBHERR WORLD
TEAM TABLE TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1 - 7 MARCH 2004 / DOHA, QATAR



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1 AUTHORITY

The 47th Liebherr World Team Table Tennis Championships will be organised by the Qatar Table Tennis Federation under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation.

2 DATE AND PLACE

The Championships will be held from 1 to 7 March 2004 at the Qatar International Exhibition Center, Doha, Qatar.

3 EVENTS

The following Championship events will be played:

Event 1: Men's Team, for the Swaythling Cup (Holder: China)

Event 2: Women's Team, for the Marcel Corbillon Cup (Holder: China)

4 SCHEDULE

1 March Opening Ceremony (18:30h)

1 - 3 March Group matches

4 March Position challenge matches

5 March Position challenge matches. Women's Team Semi-final

6 March Position challenge matches. Women's Team Final

Men's Team Semi-final

7 March Position challenge matches. Men's Team Final

5 RULES

The Championships will be conducted in accordance with the current Laws of Table Tennis, the Regulations for International Competitions and the Regulations for World competitions.

6 EQUIPMENT

The following equipment from Double Happiness, will be used:

Table, net and post: Double Happiness (blue)

Ball: Nittaku (white)

Flooring: Gerflor – Taraflex TT portable coloris 6109 - Framboise

All racket coverings must be of a type currently authorised by the ITTF.

7 ELIGIBILITY

The Championships will be open to Associations whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2004 (see Regulation 4.1.3). Associations who still have not settled their accounts in relation to the 2003 Liebherr World Championships in Paris will not be permitted to enter.

8 FEES

The entry fees will be as follows:

Men's Team event: US\$ 100

Women's Team event: US\$ 100

9 SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

PRELIMINARY ENTRIES

The intention to enter teams will be notified to the Organising Committee and the ITTF in the preliminary notification form. The closing date for the receipt of this form is **1 November 2003**.

ENTRIES

Entries must be submitted on the prescribed entry forms.

One set of copies of the Summary of Entries, List of Official Party, Nomination of Delegates and Entries for Events 1 - 2 must be sent not later than 1 January 2004 to:

*The Organising Committee of the 47th Liebherr World Team Table Tennis Championships 2004
Qatar Table Tennis Association, P.O. Box 4091, Doha, State of Qatar
Tel: + 974 494 41 93/4, Fax: + 974 494 41 91, E-mail: qtta@yahoo.com*

One set of copies must be sent by the same date to the ITTF Head Office:

*ITTF, avenue Mon Repos 30, 1005 Lausanne, Switzerland
Tel. + 41 21 340 70 90, Fax + 41 21 340 70 99, E-mail: ittf@ittf.com*

Entry fees must be transferred not later than 1 January 2004 to:

*47th Liebherr World Team Table Tennis Championships
Doha Bank, Al-Kheretiyat Branch
Account No. 212 / 212120 / 1 / 10 / 0*

An acknowledgment of the receipt of entry forms will be sent by airmail. If this confirmation has not been received within 21 days after the submission of entry forms, either the Organising Committee or the ITTF Head Office should be notified by phone, fax or e-mail.

An Association may nominate up to 5 players and a non-playing captain for each team event; if a non-playing captain is not appointed one of the team players shall be designated as captain.

10 COPY OF PASSPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Copy of passport and two photographs, 4cm x 3cm (vertical and horizontal), of each person named on the "List of Official Party" must be sent to the Organising Committee with the Entry Forms to facilitate the issue of Accreditation Cards on arrival in Doha. The relevant person's name should be written on the back of each photograph.

11 OBLIGATIONS

The entry forms will contain a statement that the players nominated are willing to compete against any other participating player. This statement must be signed by a responsible official of the nominating Association and no entry form will be accepted unless such an undertaking has been given.

12 TELEVISION AND MOTION PICTURE COVERAGE CONDITIONS

By entering the Championships, participants agree to abide by all ITTF rules and by the rules and regulations of the Organising Committee. All entered associations, teams and individual players agree to be under the auspices of the ITTF and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind; and hence accept such coverage during the World Championships. A participant's refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the competition. Any participant, when called upon, must appear promptly to press conferences or medal presentations and follow the procedures set by the ITTF and the Organising Committee.

13 DRAW

The draw will be made, under the supervision of the ITTF Technical Committee, in Doha on 17 January for the Championship Division and Division 1 and on 27 February for Divisions 2-4.

Any Association wishing to send a representative to observe the draw is requested to notify the Organizing Committee not later than 1 January 2004.

14 JURY

The Jury will meet in Doha on Sunday, 29 February 2004 and on subsequent occasions during the Championships, if required. An Association directly affected by a matter under consideration at a Jury meeting is entitled to be represented at that meeting.

15 UMPIRES

All matches will be controlled by qualified umpires, in accordance with the Directives approved by the Board of Directors as shown on page 61 of the 2003-2004 ITTF Handbook.

16 AWARDS

The winning Associations will be entitled to hold the appropriate trophies until 31 December 2005. In addition to the Championship trophies the winning players and captain will receive a gold medal, the losing finalists will receive a silver medal and the losing semi-finalists will receive bronze medals. Each division winning team and captain shall receive a medal or award as Division Champion. All players taking part will receive a certificate of participation.

17 MEETINGS

A General Meeting of members will be held on Wednesday, 3 March 2004. Each Association, whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2004, is entitled to be represented by two delegates at the Meeting. The ITTF recommends that at least one delegate should be a woman. Details in writing of business and propositions to be dealt with at the AGM must reach the ITTF Head Office not later than 3 December 2003.

The ITTF Board of Directors will meet on Friday, 5 March 2004.

18 HOSPITALITY

Free accommodation and meals will be provided from dinner on 29 February to breakfast on 8 March 2004 for:

- not more than 3 men and 3 women players nominated by an Association;
- 1 delegate to the General Meeting from each Association if he/she is not already included in the nominated players listed above;
- ITTF Officers, members of the Board of Directors and the Olympic Commission and full members of Committees;
- Personal Honorary Members;
- up to four (4) members of the Doping Control Panel appointed by the Sports Science Committee;
- up to three (3) members of the Calendar Working Group;
- up to eight (8) members of the Athletes' Commission;
- International Umpires and Referees from other Associations invited in accordance with directives issued by the ITTF;
- up to 3 members of the ITTF staff.

19 ACCOMPANYING VISITORS

Players and officials who are listed on Associations' official entry forms but who are not entitled to free hospitality can be accommodated with the others and on the same basis, including meals, transport and admission, at a charge of US\$150 per person per day in a twin/double room or US\$170 per person per day in a single room. The same rates apply for days not covered by free hospitality.

20 PAYMENT

Associations are requested to pay their entry fees, extra hospitality costs and hospitality costs for those persons not entitled to free accommodation and meals, when submitting their entry forms.

Payment should be made by direct Bank Transfer before 1 January 2004 to:

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The Organising Committee will make hotel reservations and pick-up bus arrangements only for Associations who have completed their payments. Reimbursement of cancellation will be done upon request only if the cancellation has been announced before 25 January 2004.

21 ARRIVAL TIMES

Participating delegations **must** inform the Organising Committee of their arrival date and time by **20 February 2004** in order to be included in the draw (according to Council decision taken on 21 February 2000).