



**Youth Olympic Games Qualification Tournament
Tokyo, Japan, 19 – 25 November 2009**

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Innovation Moves ITTF Cadet Challenge Forward

Stand still, you stagnate; innovate, you make progress and innovation is the key to the very successful ITTF Global Junior Programme, a fact clearly illustrated at the ITTF Cadet Challenge to be staged in Tokyo from Monday 19th to Sunday 25th October 2009.

The number of teams has been reduced from eight to six, which will no doubt intensify the level of competition; there is no "wild card" entry and North America has joined forces with Latin America to form a Pan American outfit. Therefore the line up is Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, Pan America and the host nation Japan. Judging by the successes on the ITTF Junior Circuit in recent months, recorded by Japanese players, the crowd in the Tokyo Gymnasium will be thoroughly entertained.

One innovation and there is a second. The singles events are only for players born in 1994 and 1995, a maximum of one per country, the tournament being a qualification event for the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010; the four boys and top four girls will receive the first four passports to Singapore.

With the very near future in mind, a warm welcome to Tokyo!



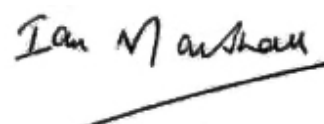
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- 1. DATES AND PLACE:** 19 - 25 October 2009, Tokyo, Japan
- 2. EVENTS:** Team, doubles and singles events for girls and boys
- 3. ELIGIBILITY/AGES:** Team and doubles events are open to **selected** players born **on or after 1st January, 1994 and being eligible according to ITTF rules (Handbook 3.8).**

Singles events (Youth Olympic Games Qualification tournament) are open to selected players born **between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1995 and being eligible according to IOC and ITTF rules.**

4. OFFICIAL HOTEL:

Shinjuku Washington Hotel

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Tel: +81 (0) 33343-3111
Fax: +81 (0) 33342-2575
Website: <http://www.shinjyuku-wh.com/english/>

* Note: the hotel will not handle any reservations. Please contact the Organizing Committee

5. VENUE:

Tokyo Gymnasium

Address: 1-17-1, Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0051, Japan
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6. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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8. ENTRIES:

There will be 5 Continental Teams representing Africa, Asia, Europe, Pan America, Oceania plus Japan as the host team. Each Continental Team selected to participate in the ITTF Cadet Challenge can enter four cadet boys' players, four cadet girls' players, two coaches and one Team Manager. All continental teams MUST be composed of athletes representing four different national associations.

The Team Manager will be responsible for all ITTF communications prior to arrival as well as during the competition. In addition, the Host Association has the right to enter the same number of persons.

9. UNIFORMS:

Each Team will have to bring a team uniform to be used during the ITTF Cadet Challenge. The ITTF reserves the right to use part of the back or the front of each playing shirt for printing. A special "With the future in mind" logotype will identify the players in the ITTF Cadet Challenge.

It is recommended to contact the equipment supplier directly in order to get the ITTF logotype printed on all playing shirts prior to the event.

Recommended logo Size: 500 cm² – Light gray scale or on gray background.

Please identify Team Uniforms (brand and colour) at the registration deadline.

10. REGISTRATIONS:

Each Continental Association shall identify before 10th September 2009 a Team Manager responsible for all information/communication prior, during and after the event.

The Team Managers responsibilities:

- Communication on the selection of athletes according to the deadline of 10th September
- Seeding of the players of their team
- Team organization such as coordination of travel and team clothings.
- Communications with OC and ITTF

Please fill the annex electronic form and if needed the VISA form and submit to the Global Junior Programme Director with copy to the Tournament Director in order to confirm your participation and to book the necessary rooms for players and accompanying persons.

Deadline for submitting the Official Party and VISA FORMS is 10th September 2009.

Please send two copies together with the passport copies of ALL your players:

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11. FORMAT OF PLAY:

TEAM EVENTS:

Six (6) participant teams: Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, Pan America and Japan.

Team events will be played in two stages. Two groups of three teams in the first stage (round robin system) with the group winners advancing directly to the semi-finals and the second and third in each group playing crossed quarter-final matches to enter into the semi-finals. All positions are to be decided. Format of play is AvsX, BvsY, CvsZ, AvsY and BvsX. All matches best of five games.

DOUBLES EVENTS:

Twelve (12) pairs. Two per participant team.

Direct knock-out system. All matches best of five games. Each of the continental teams as well as the host (Japan) can enter two pairs per gender.

SINGLES EVENTS (Youth Olympic Games Qualification Tournament):

Up to twenty one (21) boys and girls. Each continental team can enter 4 players in each category (same as for the teams and doubles events), representing four different ITTF affiliated associations. The host association's entry will be restricted to one (1) athlete in respective age category. All participants in the singles events must be eligible to participate in the YOG Singapore 2010 at the time of completing the registration (10th September).

The singles events will be played in two stages. Five groups of four or five players in the first stage (round robin system) with the top three players advancing to the main draw of progressive knock-out system (playing for the positions 1 to 15) and the fourth and fifth placed players of each group advancing to play for the positions 16 to 21. Players of the same continent will be drawn in to different groups.

Procedures for the KO stage draw.

- Winner of the group 1 will be **placed** in the position 1 of the main draw
- Winner of the group 2 will be **placed** in the position 16 of the main draw
- Winners of the groups 3-4 will be **drawn** in the positions 8-9
- Winner of the group 5 will be **drawn** in the positions 5-12
- Runners-up in the groups will be **drawn** in to opposite halves of their group winners, in positions 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 (5 or 12 the non-occupied by winner of group 5)
- Players in third position in the groups will be drawn in to different quarters of winner and runner-up of their respective groups

There will **not be separation by teams or continents in the KO stage.**

Players finishing on the first 4 positions qualify for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games.

12. SEEDING AND DRAWS:

- The **seeding list for the singles events** will be based on the last available ITTF ranking (October 2009) with inputs from the ITTF ranking committee and officials in charge of ranking.
- The **seeding list for the doubles events** will be based on the addition of points of the two players, considering the above mentioned inputs.
- The **seeding list for the team events** will be done according to the ITTF Computer Team ranking for the participating teams and based also on the on the singles seeding list.
- The **Jury Meeting** will be held on Monday October 19th, at 14:00 hours in the Meeting Room of Tokyo Gymnasium, followed by the **Team Events draw**.
- The **singles first stage draws** and the **doubles draws** will be done on Thursday 22nd October at 17:00 hours at the Meeting Room of Tokyo Gymnasium.
- The **singles second stage draws** will be done on Friday 23rd October at 20:00 hours at the Meeting Room of Tokyo Gymnasium.

13. EQUIPMENT:

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| OFFICIAL TABLE: | JOOLA 2000-S (BLUE) |
| NETS: | JOOLA WM (BLACK) |
| OFFICIAL BALL: | BUTTERFLY SUPER SELECTED *** (WHITE) |
| FLOORING: | STAG (RED) |

14. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME:

Thursday 15th October

Official arrival day for the delegations

Friday 16th October – Sunday 18th October

ITTF Cadet Challenge Training Camp (precise schedule to be provided on site)

Monday 19th October

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| 12:30 h | Transfer from National Training Centre to Tokyo Gymnasium after lunch |
| 13:45 h – 15:45 h | Free practice session at the Tokyo Gymnasium |
| 14:00 h | Jury Meeting at the Tokyo Gymnasium |
| 16:00 h | Transfer to Shinjuku Washington Hotel |
| 17:15 h | Departure to the Opening Ceremony |
| 18:00 h | Opening Ceremony |

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14. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (continued):

Tuesday 20th October

Team events – Groups

Wednesday 21st October

Team events Quarter finals, semi finals and finals as well as position matches.

Thursday 22nd October

Sightseeing Bus tour to traditional places in Tokyo

Friday 23rd October

Singles events – preliminary groups

First round of the doubles events

Saturday 24th October

Singles and doubles events – knock-out and position matches

Sunday 25th October

Semi finals and finals. Lower placed position matches

Monday 26th October

Departure

15. HOSPITALITY:

The ITTF and the Organizing Committee will offer free hospitality starting on Monday 19th October (lunch) until Monday 26th October (breakfast), for all qualified teams. Participants will be welcomed at **Narita (NRT) or Haneda (HND)** Airports.

A continental qualified team comprises:

- Four cadet boys players
- Four cadet girls players
- Two coaches
- One Team Manager

Accommodation is provided on a double occupancy basis with the exception of the Team Manager who is provided with a single room.

Extra persons/days will be charged as follows:

Hospitality: Accommodation and three meals at the official hotel *

Prices: **JPY 14,500 in single room/ JPY 10,800 in double room (per person/day)**

* Note: the hotel will not handle any reservations. Please contact the Organizing Committee

18. VISA REQUIREMENTS:

The Organizing Committee will help with the application process for all players/coaches who need visas to be sure they get them on time. Please submit the annex document Entry Form filling the Visa Form and contact as soon as possible the Organizing Committee if you need a **VISA** for Japan. Participants must ensure to get the visa prior to the departure to Japan.

19. AWARDS:

- Medals and trophies for the Winners in the Team, Singles and Doubles Events (5 medals per team)
- Medals for the Runner-up in the Team, Singles and Doubles Events (5 medals per team)
- Medals for the two Semi-Finalist in the Team, Singles and Doubles Events (5 medals per each team, single and pair losing in semi-finals)
- Award for the ITTF CC Overall Standings Team Winner (boys and girls together)
- Award for the Most valuable boy's player (based on total points earned in all the events)
- Award for the Most valuable girl's player (based on total points earned in all the events)
- Fair play awards (2) for one boy and one girl

PLEASE SUBMIT THE ATTACHED OFFICIAL PARTY FORM AND ALL PLAYERS' PASSPORTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT FORGET TO FILL-IN THE VISA FORM IF NEEDED.