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## Volkswagen 2009 Tournament of Champions

### Prospectus

**Dates** 19-20 December 2009  
**City/Country** Changsha, Hunan Province, China

**Host Association** **Chinese Table Tennis Association**  
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**Playing Venue** Hunan International Conference and Exhibition Centre

**Prize Money** **US\$ 250,000 (equal prize money for Men and Women)**

	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>Total</b>
Winner	45,000	45,000	<b>90,000</b>
Runner-up	24,000	24,000	<b>48,000</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	13,000	13,000	<b>52,000</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup>	7,500	7,500	<b>60,000</b>

All prize money will be paid from ITTF Ottawa office with the national tax deduction after the event.

**Equipment** Tables: **Double Happiness blue**  
Balls: **Double Happiness\*\*\* white**  
Floor mat: **Gerflor**

**Official Hotel** Crowne Plaza Hotel 868 WUYI AVENUE, CHANGSHA, 410005 CHINA  
Hotel Front Desk: 86- 7312888888



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### **Hospitality**

Free hospitality (hotel, meals) will be provided to the players from lunch on December 18 to the breakfast on December 21. For the extra accompanying personnel, the full accommodation is **US\$ 150** per day per person in single room and **US\$ 120** per day per person in double room, including board, lodging and local transportation.

### **Travel**

All the participants will be picked up at Changsha International Airport. It takes approximately 30 minutes from the airport to downtown. Players will be reimbursed of their travel from home to Changsha upon presenting the copy of the ticket and the receipt for reimbursement to the organizers.

### **Participation Confirmation**

Deadline date for confirmation to the ITTF is **10 November 2009** by e-mail on the attached confirmation form to **Judit Farago** ([jfarago@ittf.com](mailto:jfarago@ittf.com)) and to **Steve Dainton** ([sdainton@ittf.com](mailto:sdainton@ittf.com)). Confirmation is needed also for reserve players.

Once participation is confirmed, the attached Travel/Accommodation form has to be sent back by e-mail or by fax to the **Chinese TTA** ([tabletenischina@yahoo.com.cn](mailto:tabletenischina@yahoo.com.cn)) and to **Steve Dainton** ([sdainton@ittf.com](mailto:sdainton@ittf.com)) before **1 December 2009**.

### **Eligibility**

The four (4) Titleholders that will automatically qualify for the event regardless of the association they represent:

- Olympic Champion 2008
- World Champion 2009
- World Cup Champion 2009
- Pro Tour Grand Finals Champion 2008

Additional players will be selected to the event as follows:

- Two (2) highest World Ranked players besides the above qualified (WR No.10, October 2009)
- Two (2) Wild-Card selections

Reserve players are determined by WR No.10, October 2009

Champions that hold more than one (1) Title, or that are retired or not entered will be replaced by the following order of priority:

- Runner-up at Olympics 2008
- Runner-up at World Championships 2009
- Runner-up at World Cup 2009
- Runner-up at Pro Tour Grand Finals 2008





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In case there are less than 4 players qualified from the 4 events (being the same persons), the spot shall be filled up by a player coming next on the World Ranking.

A maximum of two (2) players from the same association can be invited in either of the Men's or Women's competition each year, this limit does not apply to the 4 title holders.

#### **Event format**

The Event will be staged according to the latest rules of the ITTF. All matches will be "best of seven" matches. The Event will be played according to the "knock-out" system. The Event counts for the World Ranking positions.

Four players will be seeded as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> seed: Olympic Champion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> seed: World Champion
- 3-4 seed: World Cup Champion and Pro Tour Final Champion

In the case that a Champion is replaced due to retirement or due to holding more than one title, then the seeded players' list will be completed by the next highest ranked player(s).

#### **Draw**

It is an obligation for the players to attend the draw. There will NOT be separation by association in the first round. The draw is made based on the titles. Players not seeded No.1 – No.4 will each select the seeded player they wish to meet in the first round (quarter-finals). The order of selection among them will be drawn by lot.

#### **Ceremonies**

***All players must be present at draw and cocktail party on the evening of 18 Dec to be eligible to play. (Dress code for the party : proper, formal)***  
***All players must attend award ceremony and closing reception on 20 Dec to be eligible for the prize money.***  
***Therefore the arrival has to be planned before 3 p.m. on 18 December and the departure on 21 December.***  
***All players must be available for an interview with Volkswagen if requested.***





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### **Competition Manager**

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## **Visa requirements**

Please, send the scanned photocopy of your passport with the following details without delay, which is required to obtain an **official invitation letter for visa purposes**

- Name, surname
- Nationality
- Passport Number
- Date of birth
- Contact fax or e-mail to receive your invitation letter

**to:**

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