



*PROSPECTUS FOR THE*

# LIEBHERR 2010 WORLD TEAM TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

23 -30 MAY 2010  
Moscow, Russia



# LIEBHERR



## **1 AUTHORITY**

The 2010 World Team Table Tennis Championships will be hosted by the Russian Table Tennis Federation and organized by the Ministry of Sport, Tourism and Youth Policy of Russia and by the Department of Physical Culture and Sport of Moscow City under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation.

## **2 DATE AND PLACE**

The Championships will be held from 23 May to 30 May 2010 at the Olimpijsky Sports Complex in Luzhniki, Moscow, Russia.

## **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 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE (subject to change)**

The hall will be open for practice from 20 May at 10:00 h (practice area), and from 21 May at 10:00 h (competition area).

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 23 May          | Opening Ceremony                     |
| 23 May – 26 May | Group matches Women's and Men's Team |
| 27 May          | Group matches Men's Team             |
|                 | Round of 16 Women's and Men's Team   |
| 28 May          | Quarterfinals Women's and Men's Team |
| 29 May          | Semifinals Women's and Men's Team    |
| 30 May          | Women's and Men's Final              |

## **5 RULES**

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

## **6 EQUIPMENT**

The following equipment from Double Happiness, Butterfly and Gerflor will be used:

Tables, Net and Post: Double Happiness (Blue)

Ball: Butterfly \*\*\* (White)

Sports flooring: Gerflor (Framboise color)

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

## **7 ELIGIBILITY**

The Championships will be open to Associations whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2009 (see Regulation 4.1.3.1 and 1.16.3.3).

Nominated players have to be eligible to represent their associations according to the Regulation 4.1.3 in the 2009-2010 ITTF Handbook.

## **8 FEES**

The entry fees will be as follows:

Men's Team Event: RUB 3,050 (US\$100)

Women's Team Event: RUB 3,050 (US\$100)

## 9 SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

All entry forms must be duly filled and submitted to the ITTF before the deadline dates.

**ITTF accepts only on-line entries by using National Association's password to register on the ITTF web-site ([www.ittf.com](http://www.ittf.com)).**

### Preliminary entries

The intention to enter teams will be the first step on the **ITTF** on-line entry system. The closing date for the receipt of this information is **31 January 2010**.

### Final entries

Entries must be submitted on the ITTF on-line entry system by providing all necessary information. In order to go through the entry process successfully, each field has to be completed properly. Entries must be sent to the **ITTF** not later than **23 March 2010**.

**No additional entry** is allowed after the final entry deadline (23 March 2010), only changes or cancellations are accepted in case of all accredited persons. These modifications can be done online until 1 May 2010. **The on-line system will be closed after 1 May 2010.**

**Modifications after 1 May** to accepted entries (entries received by the deadline) must be made according to item 4.1.6 of the ITTF Handbook **using the appropriate form** for that purpose ("Modifications to Entry Form").

The size of each "**Official delegation**" will be limited to a maximum of: 2 coaches, 1 doctor, 2 physiotherapists, 1 chief of delegation, the President of the Association, 2 AGM delegates plus the number of players selected by the Association and eligible for the competition.

All the "**Other persons**" of the Delegation must be listed separately and dealt with separately by the Organizing Committee especially concerning the visa request.

**Please note that the preliminary and final entries must be submitted on-line ONLY to the ITTF.**

### On-line entry forms on ITTF web-site

**Starting 4 January 2010 until 23 March 2010** all Associations can submit their entries on-line, on the ITTF web-site, through the following URL address:

[www.ittf.com/entries/2010](http://www.ittf.com/entries/2010)

### Travel and accommodation information

Accommodation details have to be sent together with the final entries. Travel details can be added on-line till **1 May 2010**.

**Each Association will receive an Association code and password to access the on-line entry system. (The code and the password is the same what was/is used at previous WTTC and at Pro Tour events.)**

An acknowledgment of the receipt of entry forms and any updates will be sent

by e-mail. If this confirmation has not been received, the ITTF should be notified by e-mail ([mo@ittf.com](mailto:mo@ittf.com))

**10 COPY OF PASSPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

As part of the entry process, photocopy of passport, an accreditation photograph (4cm x 3cm) and the city of visa application have to be provided for visa and accreditation purposes. The visa reference number (replacing the invitation letter) will be sent by the organizers for each entered person also via the on-line entry system.

**11 OBLIGATIONS**

The entry will contain a statement that players nominated are willing to compete against any other participating player and that the participants respect and acknowledge the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy. This statement must be confirmed by a responsible official of the nominating Association and no entry form will be accepted unless such an undertaking has been given.

**12 TELEVISION, MOTION PICTURE AND INTERNET COVERAGE CONDITIONS**

By entering the Championships, participants agree to abide by all ITTF rules and by the rules and regulations of the Organizing Committee. All entered associations, pairs and individual players agree to be under the auspices of the ITTF and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video, internet web casting, 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 and web casting 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 Organizing Committee.

**13 DRAW**

The draw for the Championships Division and Division 2, 3 will be made under the supervision of the ITTF Technical Committee, in Moscow **at 12:00 h. on 20 April 2010** at a place and time to be communicated later. For Division 4 the draw will be made at 11:00 h. on 21 May 2010.

**14 JURY MEETING**

The Jury will meet with Organizing Committee's representatives, Referees and Team Managers in Moscow **at 19:00 h. on 22 May 2010** 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 AND REFEREES**

All matches will be controlled by qualified umpires and referees, in accordance with the Directives for Match Officials at World Title Competitions (page 131-135 of the 2009-2010 ITTF Handbook).

**16 AWARDS**

The winning Associations will be entitled to hold the appropriate trophies until 31 December 2011.

In addition to the Championship trophies the winning players and captain will receive a gold medal, the losing finalist 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 **26 May 2010** at Cosmos Hotel in Moscow. Each Association, whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2010, is entitled to be represented by two delegates at the Meeting. The ITTF recommends that at least one delegate should be a woman.

The ITTF Board of Directors will meet on **28 May 2010** at Cosmos Hotel in Moscow.

Details in writing of business and propositions to be dealt with at the AGM and Board of Directors must reach the ITTF Secretariat **not later than 26 February 2010**.

## **18 HOSPITALITY**

Free accommodation and meals will be provided from lunch on 22 May to breakfast on 31 May 2010 for

- Three (3) men and three (3) women players nominated by an Association;
- One (1) delegate to the General Meeting from each Association if he/she is not already included in the nominated players listed above;
- Members of the ITTF Development and Continental Council, the Board of Directors and the Olympic Commission and full members of Committees.
- Personal Honorary Members;
- President's Advisory Council;
- Four (4) members of the Doping Control Panel appointed by the Sports Science Committee;
- Up to 4 members for the Racket Control appointed by the ITTF Equipment Committee.
- Three (3) members of the Calendar Working Group;
- Eight (8) members of the Athletes' Commission;
- All the International Umpires, Referees and Other Officials from other Associations invited in accordance with the directives for Match Officials issued by the ITTF.
- 4 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 **RUB 5,500** per person per day in a twin/double room or **RUB 7,000** per person per day in a single room.

## **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 **in EUR currency** by direct Bank Transfer **before 1 May 2010** to:

Beneficiary: FINDERLON HOLDING LTD.  
Beneficiary address: 1, Place Longemalle, CH-1211 Geneve 3  
IBAN: CH93 0874 1012 3443 0000 1  
Benef.bank: Credit Agricole Indosuez (Suisse) SA  
4, Quai General Guisan CH-1211 Geneva 3 Switzerland  
SWIFT code: AGRICHGG  
Corr.bank: Credit Agricole, Paris  
Corr.account: 200 89872 000  
SWIFT code: AGRIFRPP

Payment has to be made by covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservations and pick-up arrangements only for Associations that have completed their payments.

### **Cancellation**

Reimbursement of cancellation will be done upon request only if the cancellation has been announced before 1 May 2010.

For cancellation of accommodation for members of Delegations after the deadline of the Final Entries, the cancellation fee will be as follows:

- Before 1 May no cancellation fee.
- From 1 May 100% cancellation fee of the total costs for each person who does not have free hospitality.

The Organizing Committee should not cancel the rooms of the persons taken in charge by them except if they receive official information from the associations concerned.

The Organizing Committee should not cancel the rooms of the persons not taken in charge by them if:

- they have received the full payment in advance or
- they have received the confirmation of date and time of arrival or
- they have received an official confirmation of the flight tickets by the company or the travel agency.

If the Organizing Committee does not receive one of these 3 above confirmations on time they are free to cancel the rooms.

## **21 ARRIVAL TIMES**

The deadline to provide travel details is 1 May 2010. Participating delegations **must** inform the Organizing Committee of any change on their arrival date and time at least three days prior to their arrival and no later than 23:59 h. (local time) on 20 May 2010. Delegations not providing travel details before 23:59 h. (local time) on 20 May 2010 will not have their teams included in the draw.

## 2010 World Team Playing System

### Number of Teams per Division

As decided at the 2005 Board of Directors meeting in Shanghai, there shall be 24 Teams in the top 3 Divisions at the 2010 World Team Table Tennis Championships to be played in Moscow (Russia).

### 1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1 "Division" System with 24 Teams in each of the top 3 Divisions and the rest of the teams to form the 4<sup>th</sup> Division.
- 1.2 The 1<sup>st</sup> Division is also the Championship Division.
- 1.3 In each of the top 3 Divisions there will be 4 Groups of 6 Teams.
- 1.4 The 4<sup>th</sup> Division will be comprised of all the rest of the teams divided in groups after the final entry is known, to maximize the number of matches played by each team

### 2. PLAYING SYSTEM

- 2.1 In each of the top 3 Divisions the playing system will be identical.
- 2.2 Each group of 6 teams shall play a complete round robin competition (5 matches per team).
- 2.3 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: The order of play and the scheduling of the matches must be prepared in such a way as to avoid, whenever possible, the possibility of "pre-determining" results. All final round matches, as feasibly possible, must be significant for each competing team.
- 2.4 Following the complete round robin in each group, the winners of each group (4 teams) will move directly into the Quarter Finals round (they have a bye in the Round of 16 - See diagram in page 10) and seeded accordingly (Winner of Group "A" seeded 1<sup>st</sup> (position (1)) winner of Group "B" seeded 2<sup>nd</sup> (position (2)) winners of Groups "C" and "D" **drawn** in positions (3/4).
- 2.5 The teams placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the groups will be **drawn randomly** in positions (5) into the Round of 16 first (see diagram in page 10).
- 2.6 The teams placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the groups will be **drawn randomly** in positions (9) into the Round of 16 next (see diagram in page 10), *with the exception that teams having played against each other in the group stage shall not meet again in the first round of the knock-out competition.*
- 2.7 The teams placing 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the groups (12 teams) will play-off for positions 13 to 24 (draw of 12 teams, using the same system as the top 12 teams: Round of 16 with 4 "byes" to each of the teams placing 4<sup>th</sup>).
- 2.8 The play-off rounds (final draws) will be played according to the "progressive knock-out" system to determine all the final positions in order from 1 to 12 and from 13 to 24. (2<sup>nd</sup> Division: 25-36 and 37-48, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division: 49-60 and 61-72), except that there shall be no match for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.9 In the 4<sup>th</sup> Division, depending on the total number of entered teams, the teams shall be divided in groups (number of groups to be determined after the closing date for entry) in order to provide sufficient number of matches to each team. The teams would play first in groups and then a progressive knock-out system to determine all the positions. Every effort will be made to provide as many matches as possible per team.
- 2.10 The World Champion team could play a maximum of 9 matches and a minimum of 8 matches.
- 2.11 In 1<sup>st</sup>. Division all teams are guaranteed to play at least 7 matches, but most teams will play 8 or 9 matches. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisions most teams will play 9 matches, only teams with a "Bye" in round of 16 may have only 8 matches to play.

- 2.12 No. 1 overall (winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Division) shall be World Champion.
- 2.13 In 1<sup>st</sup> Division the winning team shall receive gold medals, the runner-up silver medals and the 2 losing semi-finalists bronze medals.
- 2.14 In 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisions winning teams (Division Champions No. 25 and 49) shall be given medals or awards.
- 2.15 A special award shall be given to the winning team of 4<sup>th</sup> Division.

### 3. SEEDING and RANKING

- 3.1 The top 18 Teams of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division in the previous World Team Championships shall be guaranteed a spot in 1<sup>st</sup> Division regardless of their position on the relevant ITTF Computer World Team Ranking (CWTR).
- 3.2 The teams having finished in the previous World Team Championships in one of the two top positions of each Division (25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>-50<sup>th</sup>, 73<sup>rd</sup>-74<sup>th</sup>) will be guaranteed a seeding of at least 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> respectively, unless the ranking of the team would seed them in a higher position.
- 3.3 The teams having finished amongst the next 16 positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Division (27<sup>th</sup> to 42<sup>nd</sup> included and 51<sup>st</sup> to 66<sup>th</sup> included) on the previous World Team Championships will be guaranteed a place in the same Division regardless of their position on the relevant CWTR, unless their position on this CWTR would place them in an even higher position.
- 3.4 All other teams shall be seeded according to the CWTR as determined by the Ranking Committee
- 3.5 Seeding in the 4 groups in each of the top 3 Divisions shall be done as follows:
  - 3.5.1 In 1<sup>st</sup> Division:
    - 3.5.1.1 Teams Ranked 1 to 4 shall be seeded as top of each group: 1<sup>st</sup> – A, 2<sup>nd</sup> – B, 3<sup>rd</sup> – C and 4<sup>th</sup> –D
    - 3.5.1.2 Teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn in Groups D and C
    - 3.5.1.3 Teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn in Groups B and A, etc, drawing teams two-by-two using the snake system until all groups are complete with 24 teams
  - 3.5.2 The same system shall be used for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisions
  - 3.5.3 The system of seeding for 4<sup>th</sup> Division will be determined after the closing of the entry.
- 3.6 The CWTR which will be used for the composition of the Divisions and for the Draws shall be the CWTR to be published in April 2010 (No.4), the last one before the draw of the Championship Division which will take place on 20 April 2010.

### 4. DEFINITIONS

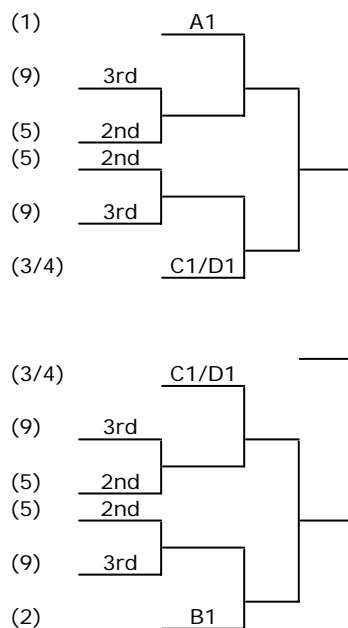
- Division: refers to a block of teams competing against each other. Divisions shall consist of 24 Teams (4<sup>th</sup> Division may consist of less or more teams). References to these blocks are: 1<sup>st</sup> Division (First Division), 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division and 4<sup>th</sup> Division. The 1<sup>st</sup> Division is the Championship Division.
- Group: refers to teams drawn together within a Division. There will be 4 groups per Division and they are referred to in the alphabetical order. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Division: Groups A, B, C, and D, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division: groups E, F, G and H, and in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Division, groups I, J, K and L. (4<sup>th</sup> Division may consist of less or more groups)
- Ranking: refers to the ITTF's Computer World Team Ranking (CWTR)
- Seeding: refers to the placement of a Team at the Championships based on its final position at the previous Team Championships or on its position in the current championships based on its ranking relative to all other entered teams.

1st DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIPS

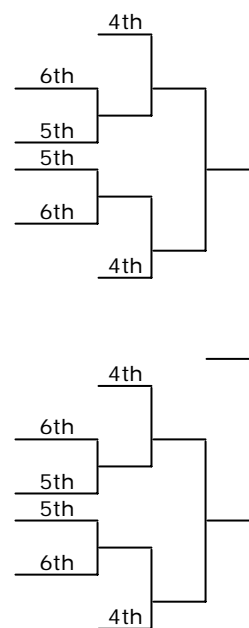
GROUPS

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|-------|-------|
| A     | 1     |
|       | 7/8   |
|       | 9/10  |
|       | 15/16 |
|       | 17/18 |
| 23/24 |       |
| B     | 2     |
|       | 7/8   |
|       | 9/10  |
|       | 15/16 |
|       | 17/18 |
| 23/24 |       |
| C     | 3     |
|       | 5/6   |
|       | 11/12 |
|       | 13/14 |
|       | 19/20 |
| 21/22 |       |
| D     | 4     |
|       | 5/6   |
|       | 11/12 |
|       | 13/14 |
|       | 19/20 |
| 21/22 |       |

Position 1-12



Position 13-24



2nd DIVISION

GROUPS E, F, G, H

Position 25-36

Position 37-48

3rd DIVISION

GROUPS I, J, K, L

Position 49-60

Position 61-72

4th DIVISION

GROUPS M, N, ...

Positions 72 +