



ITTF **World**
Hopes **Team**

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Call for nominations - 2011

**Exciting Times for Young Talents -
Join the 2011 ITTF World Hopes Team!**

The ITTF is proud to continue, in cooperation with Tamasu / Butterfly, its supportive initiative targeting growth and international solidarity through Table Tennis.

ITTF World HOPES Team – powered by Butterfly

The ITTF Education and Training Department is happy to announce a continued partnership with the Japanese company Tamasu|Butterfly allowing us to make significant investments in the ITTF World Hopes Programme for the benefit of talented young athletes and their National Associations.

We are now opening a worldwide search for suitable, promising young players to join the 2011 ITTF World Hopes Team. Nominations will, in the first phase be widely accepted from all interested parties such as individual coaches, clubs, local and regional associations, but must in the final selection phase have the full support from the respective National Association.

Please note that the ITTF will introduce a new feature in 2011 open **ONLY** for **NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS** opting to **REGISTER** athletes for the programme; “The ITTF World Hopes Week – June 2011”

This is a multiple benefit event combining a world level training camp with a new ITTF Hopes Challenge competition for athletes born 1999 and 2000. The ITTF Education and Training Department will also offer several interesting educational initiatives for coaches.

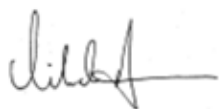
The ITTF World Hopes Week will serve as the official Try-out activity for the 2011 ITTF World Hopes Showcase team scheduled to compete in the month of August.

In the final selection process, all the involved National Associations will be asked to confirm the availability and to secure proper management of the selected athlete. The ITTF Education and Training Department will also work very closely with the identified coaches, offering a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend ITTF Hopes events and to get first class guidance for future adventures in the program.


Please note that nominations and applications only will be accepted through the ITTF website – ITTF Global Junior Section using the official link – only during the period of:

15 November 2010 – 31 January 2011

With the FUTURE in Mind



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ITTF HOPES – GENERAL INTRODUCTION

VISION:

“The introduction of an official Hopes category enables the ITTF to become pro-active in the fields of talent identification and open a means to promote quality coaching aspects for the benefit of young players. The Hopes events will be monitored from a quality standpoint and at all times reinforce solid technical and tactical development of the game.”

ITTF ACHIEVEMENTS & GOALS:

- Introduced the HOPES category in the year 2009.
- ITTF Hopes category, alongside with the Cadet category, integrated in the ITTF Junior Circuit event structure from 2010.
- To establish a new coach education focusing on clear Talent ID and Management of young athletes in Table Tennis. To be introduced on a trial basis in 2011.
- To offer, starting from 2011, a special ITTF event targeting the Hopes age group ; The ITTF World Hopes Week - open for National Associations and serving as the No. 1 Try-out activity for the 2011 ITTF World Hopes Team.
- To activate and use the new ITTF Training Center Network – ITTF Hot Spots for training as well as competition activities.

NOTES:

- No official ranking list will become be made available for this age category
- No official point standing for the Hopes series will exist.
- The ITTF World Hopes Week will only be available to registered athletes entered through their National Association.



AGE CUT OFF 2011

The ITTF Hopes category is open for players born in 1999 and 2000.



ITTF WORLD HOPES TEAM 2011

- Registration open for athletes born in 1999 and 2000 – **ONLY**.
- The **ITTF 2011 WORLD HOPES TEAM** will, in the final competition phase involve a maximum of five boys and five girls.

NEW FEATURE – ITTF WORLD HOPES WEEK – OFFICIAL “TRY-OUT CAMP 2011”

- ITTF Education and Training Department will introduce an ITTF event called the ITTF World Hopes Week. The overall goal is to offer a weeklong event combining an official Try-out training camp with a specially designed individual style of competition; The ITTF Hopes Challenge.
- Preliminary Dates – second half of **JUNE**.
- Preliminary Venue; Werner Schlager Academy, Austria
- **ONLY REGISTERED ATHLETES** will be allowed participation. All entries must be done by respective National Associations
- The ITTF Education and Training Department will offer up to twelve individual scholarships to cover hospitality fees for the World Hopes Week. The scholarships will be used to secure full participation from all the six continents following the principles of **UNIVERSALITY – GLOBAL REACH**.
- The winners of the Safir International ITTF Hopes event 26-27 February 2011 in Sweden will be awarded special scholarships to attend the ITTF World Hopes Week.
- Separate invitation and prospectus will be sent to participating national associations at the end of January following the closing of the initial registration process.



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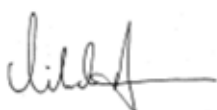
ITTF WORLD HOPES TEAM – BASIC CONDITIONS

- The **BUDGET** will be controlled and managed by the ITTF Education and Training Department. Funds will be used to cover athletes and coaches HOSPITALITY during activities + **COACHING** support for the scheduled events. Airfare contribution will be considered on an individual basis. In terms of planning, coaching and funding this project should be considered a partnership.
- Suitable candidates are athletes “identified as considerable talents” at the national level with a readiness to compete at the international level.
- Only athletes entered in the ITTF World Hopes Week in June will be considered for the 2011 ITTF World Hopes Team.
- The top two placed athletes at the ITTF Hopes Challenge 2011 will be directly qualified for the 2011 ITTF World Hopes Team.
- All athletes participating in the 2011 ITTF World Hopes Week – Official Try-out camp will be evaluated in training and competition for the purpose of selecting the additional members of the team.
- The final **TEAM COMPOSITION** will reflect **UNIVERSALITY** and **GLOBAL REACH** principles.
- Involved National Associations will have to confirm the availability of the selected athletes and **APPROVE** as well as **CONDUCT** the entries for the scheduled events. The selected athletes will compete at the identified event for the ITTF WORLD HOPES team and use designated clothing recognizing them as members of the team. (e.g. Mikael Andersson ITTF WHT/SWE)
- TAMASU/BUTTERFLY will **POWER** the ITTF World Hopes Team with; Unique Playing **UNIFORM** and Tracksuit. In addition to this, the ITTF World Hopes team will benefit from expert coaching provided by Butterfly and the ITTF Education and Training Department at training camps and competition.
- An element of coaching education will be developed and introduced by the ITTF Education and Training Department.
- The main project for the 2011 ITTF World Hopes showcase team includes training camp and competition in Asia or Europe.
– Date: August 2011, Venue TBD


HOW TO REGISTER CANDIDATES FOR THE ITTF WHT

REGISTRATION for the ITTF World HOPES Team is **ONLY AVAILABLE** through the ITTF web site.

- Log onto www.ITTF.com – The ITTF Global Junior Section and look for the ITTF World Hopes **LOGO**
- The link for registration is: www.ittf.com/youth/reg_system.asp
- Fill out the forms completely and click submits. An automatic email response/confirmation will be generated containing a password for updating achievements and if necessary to make changes. Note: To upload an action photo and ideally a “youtube video” of the athlete playing is necessary!
- Please note that all application received will be double checked and confirmed by respective National Associations.
- The Registration will be OPEN starting from Monday 15 November until Monday 31 January – 2011.
- **ONLY REGISTERED ATHLETES** approved by **NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS** will access the programme features; ITTF World Hopes Week and the 2011 ITTF World Hopes Team.
- The complete TEAM selection will be announced immediately following the Try-out Camp in June 2011.
- Co-ordinator of the program: Mrs Zita PIDL (ITTF WHT Manager – E-Mail for further contacts: zpidl@ittf.com)



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