



# **WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025**

**SPORTS SPECIFIC INFORMATION**



# QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

## TEAM EVENTS

### ***U19 & U15 Team Events***

12 teams per gender will enter the Events with a maximum of 4 players per team.

- Quotas per gender per event

#### Continental

Africa: 1 Team

Asia: 1 Team

Europe: 1 Team

Pan Am: 1 Team

Oceania: 1 Team

Host: 1 Team

World Ranking\*: 6 Teams (7 Teams in case the Host is qualified through the Continental Event)

*\*Latest available ITTF Table Tennis Youth Teams Ranking of the respective age category, at the week the invitations are sent out.*

### **Important Information:**

In case the respective Continental Event is not completed before 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025, the above continental quotas will be filled based on the latest available ITTF Table Tennis Youth Teams Ranking of the respective age category, at the week the invitations are sent out.

In case a winner of the Continental Event does not confirm their participation, the runner-up will be invited. In case the runner-up does not confirm their participation, the quota will be allocated through World Ranking (not restricted per Continent).

A player can only enter one age category in Team Events but can enter in a different age category in Individual Events.

## **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

### ***U19 & U15 Singles Events***

32 players may enter in each Singles Event per gender.

- Quotas per event per gender

#### **Continental**

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| Africa: 2 Players | Asia: 2 Players    | Europe: 2 Players |
| Pan Am: 2 Players | Oceania: 2 Players | Host: 2 Players   |

**World Ranking\*:** 20 Players. If a Host player is qualified through the Continental Event, any additional quotas will be allocated through WR.

\* Latest available ITTF Table Tennis Youth Singles Ranking of the respective age category, at the week the invitations are sent out.

#### **Important Information:**

In case the respective Continental Event is not completed before 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025, the above continental quotas will be filled based on the latest available ITTF Table Tennis Youth Singles Ranking of the respective age category, at the week the invitations are sent out.

In case a Member Association doesn't accept the quota of a winner and/or runner-up of Continental Event doesn't confirm the participation, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be invited. In case there're two 3<sup>rd</sup> places, the best ranked player will be invited. In case no Semi-finalist confirm the participation, quotas will be allocated through World Ranking (not restricted per Continent).

In case a player is qualified to play in two age categories, the respective Member Association is limited to accepting only one of the quotas.

A player can only enter one age category in Individual Events and is entitled to play Doubles/Mixed Doubles only in the age category qualified in Singles.

Quota per MA: 2 players in each Singles Event.

### ***U19 & U15 Doubles Events***

16 pairs may enter in each Doubles Event per gender.

All the players qualified in Singles are entitled to play Doubles Event in the age category qualified in Singles.



### ***U19 & U15 Mixed Doubles Events***

32 pairs may enter in each Doubles Event.

All the players qualified in Singles are entitled to play Mixed Doubles Event in the age category qualified in Singles.

## **REPLACEMENTS**

### ***Singles Events***

No replacements are permitted in Singles except for a Member Association (MA) that has qualified in the same age category as a team that may alternate a different player in the singles than the player who have qualified under WR depending on the number of players who have qualified under WR.

Players qualified in Continental events which participation is not confirmed are not anymore entitled to play the Singles event in the age category they were originally qualified.

In case a Semi-Finalist from a Continental event is invited, and respective participation is not confirmed by the Member Association, the player is not anymore entitled to play the Singles event in the respective age category for which the invitation hasn't been confirmed or was declined.

The deadline for replacements will be specified on the Event Prospectus (estimated to be not later than 2 weeks prior to the draws). Replacements past the replacement deadline are not permitted, unless for justified injury/sickness with a medical proof submitted at the time the request takes place.

In case a reserve team is confirmed due to the cancelation of a qualified team less than 2 weeks prior to the draws, the Member Association may not alternate a different player in the singles than the player who have qualified under WR.

### ***Team Events:***

The deadline for changes in nominations will be specified on the Event Prospectus (estimated to be not later than 2 days prior to the draws).

### **Cancellations:**

In case of a cancellation or not confirmed quotas, the next eligible team/player will be invited to participate in the event.



## PLAYING SYSTEM

### ***Team Events***

Team Events will be played on a knockout basis. Matches will be played as best of 5 singles matches (A v X, B v Y, C v Z, A v Y, B v X).

The draw will be conducted according to the ITTF Regulations for knockout competitions. All singles matches in the team Events will be the best of 5 games.

### ***Singles Events***

Singles Events will be played on a knockout basis. Matches will be the best of 7 games.

The draw will be conducted according to the ITTF Regulations for knockout competitions.

### ***Doubles Events***

Doubles Events will be played on a knockout basis. Matches will be the best of 5 games.

The draw will be conducted according to the ITTF Regulations for knockout competitions. Pairs composed of players from different Member Associations will be drawn as MIX and not separated.

### ***Mixed Doubles Events***

Mixed Doubles Events will be played on a knockout basis. Matches will be the best of 5 games. The draw will be conducted according to the ITTF Regulations for knockout competitions.

Pairs composed of players from different Member Associations will be drawn as MIX and not separated.



## SEEDING

Seeding will be based on the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Rankings: **Week 47 / 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

### ***Team Events***

Seeding based on the ranking points as per [ITTF World Team Ranking Regulation](#) (point 3.3) for each team achieved on a virtual simulation that opposes all the teams qualified considering the best 3 ranked players entered in the team event based on the singles ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking.

Players must be entered in team event to be considered on the simulation of the respective age category event.

In case of ties, teams are sorted based as per [ITTF World Team Ranking Regulation](#) (point 3.2)

### ***Singles Events***

Seeding based on the Singles ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking.

### ***Doubles Events***

Seeding done by combining each player's Doubles Individual ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking position to form a Combined Rank.

Unranked players receive the ranking of the lowest ranked player plus 1. Pairs are sorted ascending by their Combined Rank.

Tie-break procedures to determine seeding order shall be as follow:

1. The pair with the greatest number of points in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking.
2. The pair with the best Combined Rank considering the previous ranking week.
3. The pair with the most combined number of events over the previous 52-week period.
4. The pair with the most combined number of points in the Boys'/Girls' Singles ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking.
5. Randomly sorted by the software.

### ***Mixed Doubles Events***

Seeding done by combining each player's Mixed Doubles Individual ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking position to form a Combined Rank.

Unranked players receive the ranking of the lowest ranked player plus 1. Pairs are sorted ascending by their Combined Rank.

Tie-break procedures to determine seeding order shall be as follow:

1. The pair with the greatest number of points in the Mixed Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking.
2. The pair with the best Combined Rank considering the previous ranking week.
3. The pair with the most combined number of events over the previous 52-week period.
4. The pair with the most combined number of points in the Boys'/Girls' Singles ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking.
5. Randomly sorted by the software.

### **References:**

- ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking Regulations and Lists can be found [here](#).