



# **TABLE TENNIS AT PARIS 2024**

**MEDIA GUIDE** 

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# THE INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION (ITTF)

The Paris 2024 Games mark a momentous occasion for table tennis – its 10th appearance as an Olympic sport. Since its debut in Seoul 1988, the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) has been instrumental in fostering the sport's global growth. ITTF is the international governing body of the sport, responsible for the management, regulation and growth of table tennis. Initiated in Berlin, Germany, ITTF then became formalised in London during the first World Table Tennis Championships in 1926.

Today, the ITTF governs a remarkable 227 affiliated member associations, the most of any International Sports Federation. This extensive network reflects the ITTF's unwavering commitment to its vision: "Table Tennis. For All. For Life." This vision extends beyond the professional level, actively promoting inclusivity and accessibility for players of all ages and abilities.

The ITTF also oversees the prestigious World Table Tennis Championships, held biennially since 1957. Leading the ITTF is the current President, Petra SÖRLING (SWE), elected in 2021. Under her guidance, the ITTF continues to drive table tennis' global development.

The upcoming Paris Olympics represent the ultimate stage for table tennis athletes. The ITTF plays a vital role in identifying and cultivating these talents, ensuring outstanding Olympic performances.





## **WORLD TABLE TENNIS (WTT)**

World Table Tennis (WTT) is the commercial and events platform of the ITTF Group. WTT's mission is to transform the global table tennis landscape by revolutionising the sport's experience and delivery by combining sport and entertainment, engaging fans through innovation across a global calendar of events for all, to inspire future generations of table tennis of players and fans.

The WTT Series is the Professional Series of Table Tennis. Our events combine sport and entertainment, offering a global calendar with the best players in the world and giving fans an engaging innovative 360 experience all year. Across Grand Smashes, Champions and Contender Series events our stars inspire future generations of players as they battle it out to qualify for the season-ending WTT Finals and to be crowned the year-end World No.1.

## ITTF FOUNDATION

The ITTF Foundation is an international non-profit organisation, focusing specifically on table tennis. Following its inauguration in 2019, there has been continued growth of the CSR pillars which originated within the ITTF Development Programme.

Since its creation, the ITTF Foundation has been an independent organisation, and is the official CSR arm of the ITTF Group, promoting Table Tennis for Development and Peace around the world. Under the tagline 'Solidarity through Table Tennis' the ITTF Foundation aims to engage people worldwide, initiate or support projects to empower individuals, foster positive social change and make table tennis popular, universal, and inclusive.

#### **WHAT**

#### **Table Tennis**

Table tennis, or "tennis de table" in French, has captivated players and spectators worldwide for almost a century. Its journey to becoming an Olympic sport began as a casual English parlour game in the 1880s. The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) was formed in 1926, hosting the first World Championships that year in London. Equipment innovations, like sponge-covered paddles in the 1950s, revolutionised play. The sport solidified its global status with its Olympic debut at Seoul 1988, featuring Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles events. Since then, 115 medals have been awarded, with China establishing itself as the leader in the all-time Olympic medal table.

To further emphasise teamwork and strategic depth alongside individual skill, the Beijing 2008 Games saw a shift from Doubles to Team events. The most recent development came at Tokyo 2020 with the introduction of Mixed Doubles, further diversifying the competitive landscape. As we approach Paris 2024, table tennis remains a dynamic part of the Olympic programme with five events.





#### **WHERE**

#### South Paris Arena 4

Located in Paris's 15th arrondissement on the Left Bank, South Paris Arena 4 is part of the bustling Paris Expo Porte de Versailles complex. This versatile venue will host table tennis, serving up world-class competition in the heart of the French capital. After the Games, it will resume its role as a key exhibition centre. Handball, volleyball, and weightlifting will also be staged at the South Paris Arena complex during the Olympics.

#### **WHEN**

15 Days of Competition | 27 July - 10 August.

### MEDAL DAYS TO WATCH



Mixed Doubles - Tuesday 30 July Women's Singles - Saturday 3 August Men's Singles - Sunday 4 August Men's Teams - Friday 9 August Women's Teams - Saturday 10 August

## 2. All You Need to Know for Paris 2024

SESSION	TIME	DURATION	EVENT	
Saturday 27 July 2024 - South Paris Arena 4				
TTE01	15:00 - 16:30	1:30	Women's Singles Preliminary Round Men's Singles Preliminary Round	
TTEOT	16:30 - 18:00	1:30	Mixed Doubles Round of 16	
TTE02	20:00 - 23:00	3:00	Women's Singles Round of 64 Men's Singles Round of 64	
Sunday 28 July 20	024 - South I	Paris Arena 4		
TTE03	10:00 - 14:00	4:00	Women's Singles Round of 64 Men's Singles Round of 64	
TTE04	16:00 - 18:00	2:00	Mixed Doubles Quarterfinals	
TTE05	20:00 - 23:00	3:00	Women's Singles Round of 64 Men's Singles Round of 64	
Monday 29 July 2	024 - South	Paris Arena 4		
TTE06	10:00 - 14:00	4:00	Women's Singles Round of 64 Men's Singles Round of 64	
TTE07	16:00 - 18:00	2:00	Mixed Doubles Semifinals	
TTE08	20:00 - 23:00	3:00	Women's Singles Round of 32 Men's Singles Round of 32	
Tuesday 30 July 2	024 - South	Paris Arena 4		
TTE09	10:00 - 12:00	2:00	Women's Singles Round of 32 Men's Singles Round of 32	
	13:30 - 14:30	1:00	Mixed Doubles Bronze Medal Match	
TTE10	14:30 - 15:30	1:00	Mixed Doubles Gold Medal Match 6	
	15:30 - 16:00	0:30	Mixed Doubles Victory Ceremony	

SESSION	TIME	DURATION	EVENT		
Wednesday 31 Jul	Wednesday 31 July 2024 - South Paris Arena 4				
TTE11	10:00 - 13:00	3:00	Women's Singles Round of 32 Men's Singles Round of 32		
TTE12	15:00 - 18:00	3:00	Women's Singles Round of 16 Men's Singles Round of 16		
TTE13	20:00 - 23:00	3:00	Women's Singles Round of 16 Men's Singles Round of 16		
Thursday 1 August	t <b>2024 - So</b> u	th Paris Arena 4			
TTE14	10:00 - 13:00	3:00	Women's Singles Quarterfinals Men's Singles Quarterfinals		
TTE15	15:00 - 18:00	3:00	Women's Singles Quarterfinals Men's Singles Quarterfinals		
TTE16	20:00 - 22:00	2:00	Women's Singles Quarterfinals Men's Singles Quarterfinals		
Friday 2 August 20	024 - South	Paris Arena 4			
TTE17	10:00 - 12:00	2:00	Women's Singles Semifinals Men's Singles Semifinals		
TTE18	13:30 - 15:30	2:00	Women's Singles Semifinals Men's Singles Semifinals		
Saturday 3 August	2024 - Sou	th Paris Arena 4			
	13:30 - 14:30	1:00	Women's Singles Bronze Medal Match		
TTE19	14:30 - 15:30	1:00	Women's Singles Gold Medal Match 🎳		
	15:30 - 16:00	0:30	Women's Singles Victory Ceremony		

SESSION	TIME	DURATION	EVENT	
Sunday 4 August 2024 - South Paris Arena 4				
	13:30 - 14:30	1:00	Men's Singles Bronze Medal Match	
TTE20	14:30 - 15:30	1:00	Men's Singles Gold Medal Match 🎳	
	15:30 - 16:00	0:30	Men's Singles Victory Ceremony	
Monday 5 August	2024 - Sout	h Paris Arena 4		
TTE21	10:00 - 13:00	3:00	Women's Team Round of 16 Men's Team Round of 16	
TTE22	15:00 - 18:00	3:00	Women's Team Round of 16 Men's Team Round of 16	
TTE23	20:00 - 23:00	3:00	Women's Team Round of 16 Men's Team Round of 16	
Tuesday 6 August	2024 - Sout	h Paris Arena 4		
TTE24	10:00 - 13:00	3:00	Women's Team Round of 16 Men's Team Round of 16	
TTE25	15:00 - 18:00	3:00	Women's Team Quarterfinals Men's Team Quarterfinals	
TTE26	20:00 - 23:00	3:00	Women's Team Quarterfinals Men's Team Quarterfinals	
Wednesday 7 Augu	ust 2024 - S	outh Paris Arena 4		
TTE27	10:00 - 13:00	3:00	Women's Team Quarterfinals Men's Team Quarterfinals	
TTE28	15:00 - 18:00	3:00	Women's Team Quarterfinals Men's Team Quarterfinals	
TTE29	20:00 - 23:00	3:00	Men's Team Semifinal	

SESSION	TIME	DURATION	EVENT		
Thursday 8 August	Thursday 8 August 2024 - South Paris Arena 4				
TTE30	10:00 - 13:00	3:00	Men's Team Semifinal		
TTE31	15:00 - 18:00	3:00	Women's Team Semifinal		
TTE32	20:00 - 23:00	3:00	Women's Team Semifinal		
Friday 9 August 20	024 - South	Paris Arena 4			
TTE33	10:00 - 13:00	3:00	Men's Team Bronze Medal Team Match		
TT50.4	15:00 - 18:00	3:00	Men's Team Gold Medal Team Match 🎳		
TTE34	18:00 - 18:30	0:30	Men's Team Victory Ceremony		
Saturday 10 Augus	st 2024 - So	uth Paris Arena 4			
TTE35	10:00 - 13:00	3:00	Women's Team Bronze Medal Team Match		
TTE36	15:00 - 18:00	3:00	Women's Team Gold Medal Team Match 🎳		
11230	18:00 - 18:30	0:30	Women's Team Victory Ceremony		



#### **HOW**

#### **Events**

Mixed Doubles, Women's Singles, Men's Singles, Men's Teams, Women's Teams

PLAYING SYSTEM				
Singles	Mixed Doubles			
<ul> <li>70 players</li> <li>Max. 2 players per NOC</li> <li>Knockout format</li> <li>Best of 7 Games</li> <li>Bronze Medal Match</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>16 pairs</li> <li>Max. 1 pair per NOC</li> <li>Knockout format</li> <li>Best of 7 Games</li> <li>Bronze Medal Match</li> </ul>			

#### Teams

- 16 teams
- Max. 1 team per NOC
- Each Team match consist of 5 individual matches (max. 1 doubles and 4 singles)
- Best of 5 Games
- Bronze Medal Match
- Match format:

Team 1 (players ABC) versus team 2 (players XYZ)

match 1: BC vs. YZ (doubles)

match 2: A vs. X match 3: C vs. Z match 4: A vs. Y match 5: B vs. X

## TABLE TENNIS QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Please refer to the <u>IOC's Qualification System</u>.

## A Legend's Final Serve | Timo BOLL (GER)

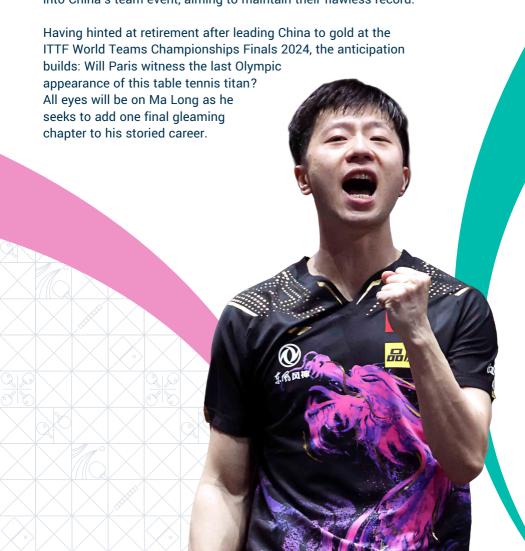
Timo Boll, the epitome of longevity and sportsmanship in table tennis, is set to make his swan song at the Paris Olympics. The 43-year-old German icon will compete in his astounding 7th consecutive Games, a journey that began in Sydney 2000. With four Olympic team medals already adorning his illustrious career, Boll aims to add to his legacy in the team event.



## The GOAT's Golden Swansong? | MA Long (CHN)

Ma Long, widely hailed as table tennis' greatest of all time, is poised for what may be his Olympic finale in Paris.

The 35-year-old Chinese legend boasts an unparalleled resume: two Olympic singles golds, three Olympic Team golds, three World Championships, and three World Cup titles - a golden trifecta that cements his status as the sport's most decorated player. While Ma won't defend his singles crown in Paris, he'll channel his expertise into China's team event, aiming to maintain their flawless record.





# Heirs to the Throne: China's Singles Gold Pursuit | FAN Zhendong (CHN) and WANG Chuqin (CHN)

With the legendary Ma Long stepping aside in singles, the spotlight falls on Fan Zhendong and Wang Chuqin to continue China's golden legacy in Olympic Men's Singles. Fan, the Tokyo 2020 silver medalist and two-time World Champion, is hungry for that elusive Olympic gold. However, Wang Chuqin's recent dominance in major WTT events - clinching both Singapore and Saudi Smashes, plus the WTT Finals - sets the stage for an epic showdown. As the top two seeds in Paris, their rivalry reaches a fever pitch on the Olympic stage. Yet, the question looms: Will these Chinese powerhouses maintain their nation's 16-year stranglehold on Olympic singles gold, or will an outsider seize the moment?

## Debut and a Dream | Hina HAYATA (JPN)

Hina Hayata storms into her Olympic debut with the wind at her back and a nation's expectations on her shoulders. The Japanese ace, a consistent fixture in the world's Top 10 since February 2022, brings an impressive arsenal to Paris: a World Championships bronze medal and seven WTT Series singles titles. As the 3rd seed in Women's Singles, Hayata stands as one of the most formidable challengers to China's historic dominance. With China having claimed every gold and silver in Women's Singles since table tennis joined the Olympic program in 1988, Hayata carries Japan's golden dreams. Can she shatter the 36-year stranglehold and etch her name in Olympic history? All eyes will be on this established powerhouse as she aims to turn the table tennis world on its head in her Olympic debut.

## From Rio to Paris | Hugo CALDERANO (BRA)

Hugo Calderano's Olympic journey encapsulates a meteoric rise in world table tennis. From a plucky 20-year-old hometown hero ranked 54th at Rio 2016, to a formidable 4th seed in Paris, Calderano's trajectory has been nothing short of spectacular. The Brazilian ace, with seven WTT Series Men's Singles titles under his belt, has been a fixture in the world's Top 10 since November 2018, peaking at an impressive world No.3. Having progressed from the round of 16 in Rio to the quarterfinals in Tokyo, all eyes are on Calderano to see if he can break through to the medal rounds in Paris. With his impressive skillset and proven world-class credentials, could 2024 be the year Calderano steps onto the Olympic podium?

# Historic Double for Brazilian Trailblazer | Bruna ALEXANDRE (BRA)

Bruna Alexandre is making history at Paris 2024. The 29-year-old dynamo, with three Paralympic medals already to her name, is set to become the first athlete in any sport to represent Brazil at both the Olympic and Paralympic Games. This unprecedented feat marks a milestone in Brazilian sporting history, solidifying Alexandre's status as a true legend. Since starting table tennis at the young age of seven, Bruna Alexandre has embarked on a remarkable journey, amassing experience over nearly two decades.





# Sun Rises on Olympic Gold Quest | SUN Yingsha (CHN)

Sun Yingsha arrives in Paris as table tennis' undisputed queen, her sights set on the one crown that's eluded her grasp. World No.1 without interruption since July 2022, Sun's dominance is undeniable - reigning champion at the World Championships, WTT Finals, and World Cup, plus a record-making 11 WTT Series singles titles. Yet, the Olympic singles gold remains just out of reach after her silver in Tokyo.

Now, Sun is pursuing table tennis immortality. A singles gold would complete her Grand Slam, cementing her legacy as one of the all-time greats. Add her World No.1 ranking in Mixed Doubles, where she'll make her Olympic debut, as well as Team China's top seeding, and Sun's Paris campaign becomes a three-pronged assault on the record books. Can she turn her golden touch into Olympic triumph and etch her name among the legends of the sport?

## Pioneering Excellence | Melissa TAPPER (AUS)

Melissa Tapper continues to push the boundaries of athletic achievement as she prepares for her third consecutive appearance at both the Olympics and Paralympics in Paris. The Australian table tennis star, who made history in 2016 as her nation's first dual Summer Olympian and Paralympian, brings a formidable record to the Games. With a Paralympic medal and Commonwealth Games success to her name, Tapper has been a force in international competition. She's also been a stalwart on the Oceania podium for two decades. As Tapper takes to the tables in Paris, she carries with her the hopes of a nation and the momentum of her groundbreaking career.

## The 'Supermum' Comeback | Britt EERLAND (NED)

Britt Eerland, the Dutch table tennis sensation dubbed "Supermom," has scripted a remarkable comeback story. After stepping away in 2023 to welcome her daughter, Eerland stormed back to secure her spot at Paris 2024, marking her third consecutive Olympics. Just four months postpartum, she was competing again, her Olympic dream rekindled. The ITTF's Ranking Protection Policy played a crucial role, allowing her to enter key events based on her pre-maternity ranking.

Eerland's journey, from maintaining fitness during pregnancy to her swift return to international competition, showcases the evolving landscape of elite sports. As she heads to Paris, Eerland stands as a testament to balancing athletic excellence with personal milestones.

# Redemption Quest and Upset Hopefuls | Mixed Doubles

The Mixed Doubles event in Paris sets the stage for a thrilling redemption story. Tokyo 2020 saw Japan's Mima Ito and Jun Mizutani shock the world, denying China its golden sweep. Now, China seeks vengeance with World No.1 pair Wang Chuqin and Sun Yingsha, armed with World Championship and WTT Grand Smash titles. Meanwhile, Japan's Tomokazu Harimoto and Hina Hayata aim to keep the upset legacy alive, buoyed by four recent WTT Series wins and their second seed status.



## India's Historic Team Debut | Team India

Paris 2024 marks a watershed moment for Indian table tennis as the nation fields its first-ever Olympic teams in both men's and women's events. The women's squad, in particular, enters the Games riding a wave of unprecedented success. Manika Batra's historic quarterfinal run at Saudi Smash and Sreeja Akula's dominant performance at WTT Contender Lagos, including her stunning upset over then World number 2, Wang Yidi at the World Championships Finals Busan 2024, have catapulted both players to career-high world rankings of No.24.

Alongside the experienced Archana Girish Kamath, they form a formidable trio poised to make waves. On the men's side, 41-year-old veteran Sharath Kamal, a true inspiration, leads the charge in his remarkable fifth Olympic appearance. He'll be joined by rising stars Manav Thakkar and Harmeet Desai, both eager to prove themselves on the biggest stage. In this historic debut, can Team India deliver a memorable maiden appearance and continue the nation's remarkable rise in the sport of table tennis?

## A Parisian Fairytale in the Making? | Team France

The Parisian stage beckons, and French table tennis dreams of a glorious return. A 24-year medal drought hangs heavy, but a wave of talent is poised to rewrite history. Jia Nan Yuan's experience and Prithika Pavade's recent upset victories over higher ranked stars like Mima Ito, Miu Hirano, and Shin Yubin at the WTT Star Contender Ljubljana, bolsters the women's squad. Meanwhile, the men's team boasts a potent combination – the strategic leadership of two-time Olympian Simon Gauzy and the meteoric rise of the Lebrun brothers.

Just two years ago unknown, but today Alexis Lebrun is ranked 16th in the world, while his younger brother, Félix, has skyrocketed to number 5, establishing himself as a potential medalist in Paris. Can the roar of the Parisian crowd, the hunger for Olympic glory, and their podium finishes at the World Champions in Busan propel France back to the top of the table tennis podium?

# Table Tennis Spans the Ages | Miwa HARIMOTO and Xia Lian NI

This year's Olympic table tennis competition embodies the sport's incredible diversity. At just 16 years old, Japan's Miwa Harimoto is the youngest player in Paris. A rising star, her strong performance at the World Championships in Busan secured her spot on the team, even over Tokyo 2020 medalist Mima Ito. On the other end of the spectrum, veteran player Xia Lian Ni, who recently turned 61, will be making a remarkable sixth appearance at the Games. Debuting at Sydney 2000 at the age of 37, her journey to Paris highlights the enduring spirit and inclusivity of table tennis. As these two players, separated by 45 years, stand shoulder-to-shoulder, they showcase the remarkable breadth of talent and dedication thriving within the sport.

## Paris Paves the Way for LA28 Table Tennis

The roar of Paris may dominate this summer, but whispers of LA28 are already brewing. Paris 2024 offers a tantalising glimpse into the future of American table tennis, with rising stars from the Americas gaining invaluable experience. Puerto Rico's Adriana Diaz is a fierce competitor to watch, already established as a formidable force. Team USA arrives in Paris with a strong contingent, featuring Lily Zhang, Amy Wang, and Rachel Sung.

As they battle for podium finishes, their success will ignite further passion for the sport within the American audience, laying the groundwork for a spectacular showing in Los Angeles. This year's Games are a stepping stone for table tennis in the region. Every victory and thrilling rally in Paris adds to the anticipation for LA28. As the world watches Paris unfold, let the American table tennis dream officially begin.

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#### SEED 1. WANG CHUQIN (CHN) | AGE: 24

World Ranking: 1 | Olympic Appearances: 1 (Debut) Playing Style: Left-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

Reigning supreme at 24, Wang Chuqin sits atop the rankings. He solidified dominance with a World Championship silver medal in 2023. Back-to-back WTT Finals titles (2022 & 2023) and recent WTT Grand Smash victories fuel his Parisian gold dreams.



#### SEED 2. FAN ZHENDONG (CHN) | AGE: 27

World Ranking: 4 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

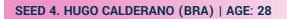
A fan favourite with a stellar resume, Fan Zhendong boasts two World Championship titles (2021 & 2023) and dominated the World Cup scene with four consecutive victories (2016-2020). Though missing Olympic gold in Tokyo 2020, his silver medal makes him a strong contender for Parisian glory.



#### SEED 3. FELIX LEBRUN (FRA) | AGE: 17

World Ranking: 5 | Olympic Appearances: 1 (Debut) Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Penhold Grip

A teenage prodigy, Felix Lebrun is making waves at just 17. This unique penhold attacker announced himself on the world stage with a European Games victory in 2023. He showcases impressive consistency on the WTT circuit, reaching Grand Smash semi-finals and quarter-finals in 2024.



World Ranking: 6 | Olympic Appearances: 3 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

Bringing flair and skill to the table, Hugo Calderano is a seasoned competitor for Brazil. He recently reached the final of a prestigious WTT Champions event (2024). Calderano boasts experience on the biggest stages, with Olympic and World Championship quarter-final finishes (2020 & 2021).



### 4. Player Bios: Top 16 Men Seeds

#### SEED 5. LIN YUN-JU (TPE) | AGE: 22

World Ranking: 8 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Left-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A consistent threat (22), Lin Yun-Ju boasts a WTT Champions title (2023) and a Tokyo 2020 Olympic semi-final finish. This left-handed attacker continues to showcase his talent by consistently reaching major tournament later stages, including a World Cup semi-final in 2019.



#### SEED 6. TOMOKAZU HARIMOTO (JPN) | AGE: 21

World Ranking: 9 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A prodigy at 21, Harimoto dominates with two World Cup runner-up finishes (2019, 2020) and the coveted 2018 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals title. This right-handed attacker aims to translate his power into Parisian gold.



#### SEED 7. DANG QIU (GER) | AGE: 27

World Ranking: 11 | Olympic Appearances: 1 (Debut)
Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Penhold Grip

A rising star in Germany at 27 years old, Qiu Dang is a player on the rise. This right-handed attacker reached the 2023 WTT Finals semis and finished runner-up at the 2023 European Cup. Consistent Grand Smash quarter-finalist, Qiu Dang showcases his growing threat on the biggest stages.



## SEED 8. JANG WOOJIN (KOR) | AGE: 25

World Ranking: 13 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A strong competitor at 25 years old, Jang Woojin (KOR) maintains his form with a recent World Cup quarter-final finish. He previously reached the World Cup semis in 2020. This consistent right-hander shines on the biggest stages with his powerful attack playing style.

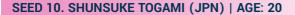


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#### SEED 9. DIMITRIJ OVTCHAROV (GER) | AGE: 35

World Ranking: 14 | Olympic Appearances: 5 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A veteran of the sport at 35 years old, Dimitrij Ovtcharov is a household name in table tennis. He boasts a World Cup title (2017) and two Olympic bronze medals (2008, 2020). This veteran right-handed attacker's experience is undeniable, reaching the World Cup semis twice.



World Ranking: 16 | Olympic Appearances: 1 (Debut)
Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A rising star, Togami challenges the elite with his aggressive right-handed attack. He impressed with a recent World Cup quarter-final finish and showcases talent on the WTT circuit, reaching two Contender finals.

#### SEED 11. ALEXIS LEBRUN (FRA) | AGE: 20

World Ranking: 5 | Olympic Appearances: 1 (Debut)
Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

Like his brother, Alexis Lebrun is a name to watch. The young right-handed attacker reached the 2023 European Games semis and continued to impress with a WTT Contender victory and a WTT Champions semi-final.

#### SEED 12. MARCOS FREITAS (POR) | AGE: 38

World Ranking: 17 | Olympic Appearances: 5 Playing Style: Left-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

Experience is key for Freitas. This left-handed attacker consistently performs on big stages, reaching the 2016 Rio Olympics quarter-finals, two quarter-final finishes at the World Cup, and a semi-final finish at the ITTF World Tour Grand Finals in 2014





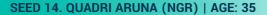


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#### SEED 13. DARKO JORGIC (SLO) | AGE: 25

World Ranking: 18 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A consistent competitor at 25 years old, Darko Jorgic showcased his talent on the biggest stages, reaching the Tokyo 2020 Olympics quarter-finals. Jorgic has dominated the European Cup circuit, claiming three consecutive victories (2022, 2023, 2024).



World Ranking: 19 | Olympic Appearances: 3 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A legend, Quadri Aruna is a household name. This right-handed attacker consistently reaches major tournament later stages, achieving a quarter-final finish at both the World Championships (2021) and the World Cup (2014). He became the first African to reach the quarter-finals at the Olympic Games (Rio 2016).

#### SEED 15. CHO DAESEONG (KOR) | AGE: 21

World Ranking: 20 | Olympic Appearances: 1 (Debut) Playing Style: Left-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

Rising star Cho Daeseong is making waves with his powerful left-handed attack. He impressed with a quarter-final finish at a prestigious WTT Grand Smash event in 2024. Cho Daeseong has also proven himself a consistent threat with double victories at WTT Feeder events and a WTT Star Contender semi-final.

#### SEED 16. OMAR ASSAR (EGY) | AGE: 32

World Ranking: 22 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A leader for Egypt, Assar is a force to be reckoned with. This attacker dominates Africa, securing a record five victories at the African Cup (2015, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023). His talent extends beyond regional success, reaching the quarter-finals at both the Olympic Games (Tokyo 2020) and the World Championships (2023).









#### 5. Player Bios: Top 16 Women Seeds

#### SEED 1. SUN YINGSHA (CHN) | AGE: 22

World Ranking: 1 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

The 22-year-old reigning champion, Sun Yingsha, sits atop the world rankings with her sights set on table tennis glory. Fresh off victories at the 2023 World Championships and the 2024 World Cup, Sun Yingsha aims to complete a career Grand Slam by adding Olympic gold to her impressive trophy cabinet in Paris.



World Ranking: 4 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

Reigning Olympic singles champion (Tokyo 2020) and a World Cup victor (2020), Chen Meng boasts an impressive trophy cabinet. This right-handed attacker remains a threat, reaching the World Championships final twice (2019, 2023). Look for her strategic play and experience to challenge for Parisian gold.



World Ranking: 5 | Olympic Appearances: 1 (Debut) Playing Style: Left-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A rising star at 24, Hina Hayata boasts a growing list of achievements. This left-handed attacker recently reached the World Championships semi-finals (2023) and consistently challenges at the highest level, reaching the World Cup quarter-finals (2024) and the WTT Finals semi-finals (2021).



World Ranking: 8 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A rising star at 20, Shin Yubin is making waves with her powerful right-handed attack. She recently impressed with a World Cup quarter-final finish and WTT Grand Smash success. Shin is also a consistent contender, winning multiple WTT Contender events and reaching finals in 2023 and 2024.







### 5. Player Bios: Top 16 Women Seeds

#### SEED 5. BERNADETTE SZOCS (ROU) | AGE: 29

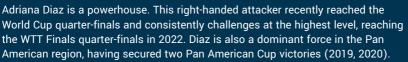
World Ranking: 10 | Olympic Appearances: 3
Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A seasoned competitor, Szocs boasts a decorated career. This right-handed attacker's European dominance is undeniable, claiming the coveted Europe Cup title (2018) alongside reaching the final in 2019. She also secured a historic victory at the 2023 European Games.



#### SEED 6. ADRIANA DIAZ (PUR) | AGE: 23

World Ranking: 11 | Olympic Appearances: 3 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip





## SEED 7. CHENG I-CHING (TPE) | AGE: 32

World Ranking: 12 | Olympic Appearances: 3 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A veteran competitor, Cheng I-Ching boasts an impressive career. This right-handed attacker reached the World Cup final in 2016 and consistently challenged at the highest level, reaching the World Cup semi-finals twice (2017, 2018). She also secured a quarter-final finish at the Olympic Games in 2016.



## SEED 8. HIRANO MIU (JPN) | AGE: 24

World Ranking: 13 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

Miu Hirano burst onto the scene at a young age, claiming the World Cup title in 2016. This 24-year-old right-handed attacker remains a force to be reckoned with, reaching the World Championships semi-finals in 2017 and showcasing her consistency with a quarter-final finish in 2019.



#### SEED 9. JEON JIHEE (KOR) | AGE: 31

World Ranking: 14 | Olympic Appearances: 3 Playing Style: Left-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

Jeon Jihee is a talented left-handed attacker who reached the Olympic Games quarter-finals in Tokyo 2020. The 31-year-old, has continuously proven her skills at the big stages, reaching the semi-finals of the ITTF World Tour Grand Finals in both 2014 and 2015.



World Ranking: 15 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A trailblazer for Mongolian table tennis, Xiaoxin Yang is a player to watch. This right-handed attacker recently achieved a historic silver medal at the 2023 European Games. She also showcased her talent on the WTT circuit, reaching the quarter-finals at a Grand Smash event last year. Yang has also secured victories in the former ITTF World Tour events in 2014 and 2016.

#### SEED 11. NINA MITTELHAM (GER) | AGE: 27

World Ranking: 16 | Olympic Appearances: 1 (Debut) Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

Nina Mittelham is a familiar face in European table tennis. This 27-year-old right-handed attacker captured the coveted Europe Cup title in 2021 and continues to impress, reaching the WTT Star Contender finals in 2024. She also secured a WTT Contender victory in 2022, solidifying her position as a threat on the international stage.

## SEED 12. PRITHIKA PAVADE (FRA) | AGE: 19

World Ranking: 18 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Left-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

France's Prithika Pavade is one to watch. This left-handed attacker showcases her talent on the WTT circuit, recently reaching the WTT Star Contender finals. Pavade also consistently challenges at the European level, reaching the Europe Cup quarter-finals in 2024, in addition to six WTT Contender quarter-finals performances. (2021, 2023, 2024)







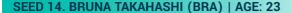


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#### SEED 13. JIA NAN YUAN (FRA) | AGE: 39

World Ranking: 19 | Olympic Appearances: 2 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A seasoned competitor, Jia Nan Yuan recently claimed a historic victory at the 2024 Europe Cup. Jia Nan also showcases her talent on the WTT circuit, reaching the guarter-finals at a WTT Grand Smash event in 2022 and achieving a semi-final finish at the WTT Champions event that same year.



World Ranking: 20 | Olympic Appearances: 3 Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A leading force in Latin America, Bruna Takahashi boasts a decorated career. This right-handed attacker recently secured victory at the 2024 Pan American Cup, adding to her impressive record. Takahashi consistently challenges at the regional level, reaching the Pan American Games final in 2023 and a Pan American Cup semi-final in 2018.

#### SEED 15. SOFIA POLCANOVA (AUT) | AGE: 29

World Ranking: 23 | Olympic Appearances: 3 Playing Style: Left-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

A seasoned campaigner, Sofia Polcanova is a mainstay for Austria. This left-handed attacker reached the World Cup guarter-finals twice (2018, 2019) and remains a dominant force in Europe. She boasts two runner-up finishes at the prestigious Europe Cup (2023, 2024) and has reached the semi-finals on three other occasions (2016, 2019, 2020).

#### SEED 16. AKULA SREEJA (IND) | AGE: 25

World Ranking: 24 | Olympic Appearances: 1 (Debut) Playing Style: Right-Handed Attacker, Shakehand Grip

India's rising star, Akula Sreeja, is making waves on the international scene, having recently claimed a WTT Contender title in 2024. She has also dominated feeder events, securing double victories at the WTT Feeder level in the same year and will look to build on this form.









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Seed	Name	NO
1	WANG Chuqin	CH
2	FAN Zhendong	CH
3	Felix LEBRUN	FF
4	Hugo CALDERANO	BF
5	LIN Yun-Ju	TF
6	Tomokazu HARIMOTO	JF
7	Dang QIU	GE
8	JANG Woojin	К
9	Dimitrij OVTCHAROV	GE
10	Shunsuke TOGAMI	JF
11	Alexis LEBRUN	FF
12	Marcos FREITAS	PC
13	Darko JORGIC	SL
14	Quadri ARUNA	NO
15	CHO Daeseong	КС
16	Omar ASSAR	EG
17	Jonathan GROTH	DE
18	Anton KALLBERG	SV
19	Truls MOREGARD	SV
20	KAO Cheng-Jui	TF
21	Alvaro ROBLES	ES
22	Edward LY	C.A
23	Nicholas LUM	Al
24	Sharath Kamal ACHANTA	IN
25	Liam PITCHFORD	GE
26	Finn LUU	Al
27	Ovidiu IONESCU	RO
28	Kirill GERASSIMENKO	KA
29	Mohamed EL-BEIALI	EG
30	WONG Chun Ting	H
31	Noshad ALAMIYAN	IR
32	Tomislav PUCAR	CF

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Seed	Name	NOC
34	Nicolas BURGOS	СНІ
35	Ander LIND	DEN
36	Daniel HABESOHN	AUT
37	Tiago APOLONIA	POR
38	Andrej GACINA	CRO
39	Yang WANG	SVK
40	Eduard IONESCU	ROU
41	Milosz REDZIMSKI	POL
42	Brian AFANADOR	PUR
43	Alberto MINO	ECU
44	Martin ALLEGRO	BEL
45	Santiago LORENZO	ARG
46	Marcos MADRID	MEX
47	Issac QUEK	SGP
48	Vitor ISHIY	BRA
49	Harmeet DESAI	IND
50	Daniel GONZALEZ	PUR
51	Ibrahima DIAW	SEN
52	Luka MLADENOVIC	LUX
53	Cedric NUYTINCK	BEL
54	Olajide OMOTAYO	NGR
55	Eugene WANG	CAN
56	Panagiotis GIONIS	GRE
57	Mehdi BOULOUSSA	ALG
58	Saheed IDOWU	CGO
59	Kanak JHA	USA
60	Deni KOZUL	SLO
61	Fabio RAKOTOARIMANANA	MAD
62	Yuroslav ZHMUDENKO	UKR
63	Nima ALAMIAN	IRI
64	Vicky WU	FIJ
65	Vladislav URSU	MDA
66	Zaid ABO YAMAN	JOR
67	Santoo SHRESTHA	NEP

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# WOMEN'S SINGLES QUALIFIERS

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Seed	Name	NOC
1	SUN Yingsha	CHN
2	CHEN Meng	CHN
3	Hina HAYATA	JPN
4	SHIN Yubin	KOR
5	Bernadette SZOCS	ROU
6	Adriana DIAZ	PUR
7	CHENG I-Ching	TPE
8	Miu HIRANO	JPN
9	JEON Jihee	KOR
10	Xiaoxin YANG	MON
11	Nina MITTELHAM	GER
12	Prithika PAVADE	FRA
13	Jia Nan YUAN	FRA
14	Bruna TAKAHASHI	BRA
15	Sofia POLCANOVA	AUT
16	Sreeja AKULA	IND
17	Dina MESHREF	EGY
18	Manika BATRA	IND
19	Lily ZHANG	USA
20	Hana GODA	EGY
21	Linda BERGSTROM	SWE
22	Orawan PARANANG	THA
23	Amy WANG	USA
24	Xiaona SHAN	GER
25	Elizabeta SAMARA	ROU
26	CHIEN Tung-Chuan	TPE
27	DOO Hoi Kem	HKG
28	Natalia BAJOR	POL
29	Mo ZHANG	CAN
30	Jieni SHAO	POR
31	ZENG Jian	SGP
32	Xia Lian NI	LUX
33	Suthasini SAWETTABUT	THA

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Seed	Name	NOC
34	Christina KALLBERG	SWE
35	Minhyung JEE	AUS
36	ZHU Chengzhu	HKG
37	Giorgia PICCOLIN	ITA
38	Maria XIAO	ESP
39	Gerogina POTA	HUN
40	Ivana MALOBABIC	CRO
41	Britt EERLAND	NED
42	Hana MATELOVA	CZE
43	Fu YU	POR
44	Izabela LUPULESKU	SRB
45	Debora VIVARELLI	ITA
46	Margaryta PESOTSKA	UKR
47	Giulia TAKAHASHI	BRA
48	Sarah DE NUTTE	LUX
49	Sibel ALTINKAYA	TUR
50	Solomiya BRATEYKO	UKR
51	Anna HURSEY	GBR
52	Arantxa COSSIO ACEVES	MEX
53	Offiong EDEM	NGR
54	ZHOU Jingyi	SGP
55	Pricilla TOMMY	VAN
56	Sarah HANFFOU	CMR
57	Katarzyna WEGRZYN	POL
58	Paulina VEGA	CHI
59	Fatimo BELLO	NGR
60	Zhiying ZENG	CHI
61	Lynda LOGHRAIBI	ALG
62	PYON Song Gyong	PRK
63	Melissa TAPPER	AUS
64	Neda SHAHSAVARI	IRI
65	Chelsea EDGHILL	GUY
66	Fathimath ALI	MDV
67	Mariana SAHAKIAN	LBN

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MIXED DOUBLES QUALIFIERS				
Seed	Name		NOC	
1	WANG Chuqin	Sun Yingsha	CHN	
2	Tomokazu HARIMOTO	Hina HAYATA	JPN	
3	LIM Jonghoon	SHIN Yubin	KOR	
4	WONG Chun Ting	DOO Hoi Kem	HKG	
5	Alvaro ROBLES	Maria XIAO	ESP	
6	LIN Yun-Ju	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE	
7	Ovidiu IONESCU	Bernadette SZOCS	ROU	
8	Kristian KARLSSON	Christina KALLBERG	SWE	
9	Alexis LEBRUN	Jia Nan YUAN	FRA	
10	Dang QIU	Nina MITTELHAM	GER	
11	Nandor ECSEKI	Dora MADARASZ	HUN	
12	Vitor ISHIY	Bruna TAKAHASHI	BRA	
13	Omar ASSAR	Dina MESHREF	EGY	
14	Jorge CAMPOS	Daniela FONSECA CARRAZANA	CUB	
15	Nicholas LUM	Minhyung JEE	AUS	
16	RI Jong Sik	KIM Kum Yong	PRK	



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MEN'S	MEN'S TEAMS QUALIFIERS					
Seed	Name			NOC		
1	WANG Chuqin	FAN Zhendong	MA Long	CHN		
2	Dang QIU	Dimitrij OVTCHAROV	Timo BOLL	GER		
3	Felix LEBRUN	Alexis LEBRUN	Simon GAUZY	FRA		
4	Tomokazu HARIMOTO	Shunsuke TOGAMI	Hiroto SHINOZUKA	JPN		
5	JANG Woojin	CHO Daeseong	LIM Jonghoon	KOR		
6	LIN Yun-Ju	KAO Cheng-Jui	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE		
7	Anton KALLBERG	Truls MOREGARD	Kristian KARLSSON	SWE		
8	Marcos FREITAS	Tiago APOLONIA	Joao GERALDO	POR		
9	Hugo CALDERANO	Vitor ISHIY	Guilherme TEODORO	BRA		
10	Jonathan GROTH	Anders LIND	Martin Buch ANDERSEN	DEN		
11	Tomislav PUCAR	Andrej GACINA	Filip ZELJKO	CRO		
12	Darko JORGIC	Deni KOZUL	Peter HRIBAR	SLO		
13	Omar ASSAR	Mohamed EL-BEIALI	Youssef ABDEL-AZIZ	EGY		
14	Sharath Kamal ACHANTA	Harmeet DESAI	Manav Vikash THAKKAR	IND		
15	Nicholas LUM	Finn LUU	Hwan BAE	AUS		
16	Edward LY	Eugene WANG	Jeremy HAZIN	CAN		



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WOMEN'S TEAMS QUALIFIERS					
Seed	Name			NOC	
1	SUN Yingsha	CHEN Meng	WANG Manyu	CHN	
2	Hina HAYATA	Miu HIRANO	Miwa HARIMOTO	JPN	
3	SHIN Yubin	JEON Jihee	LEE Eunhye	KOR	
4	Bernadette SZOCS	Elizabeta SAMARA	Adina DIACONU	ROU	
5	Nina MITTELHAM	Xiaona SHAN	Annett KAUFMANN	GER	
6	DOO Hoi Kem	ZHU Chengzhu	LEE Ho Ching	HKG	
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10	Bruna TAKAHASHI	Giulia TAKAHASHI	Bruna ALEXANDRE	BRA	
11	Manika BATRA	Sreeja AKULA	Archana Girish KAMATH	IND	
12	Natalia BAJOR	Katarzyna WEGRZYN	Zuzanna WIELGOS	POL	
13	Orawan PARANANG	Suthasini SAWETTABUT	Jinnipa SAWETTABUT	THA	
14	Lily ZHANG	Amy WANG	Rachel SUNG	USA	
15	Linda BERGSTROM	Christina KALLBERG	Filippa BERGAND	SWE	
16	Minhyung JEE	Melissa TAPPER	Michelle BROMLEY	AUS	



## **TOKYO 2020 MEDALISTS**



## 7. Past Olympic Medalists

# PAST OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

## Men's Singles

Olympics	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Seoul 1998	Yoo Nam-Kyu (KOR)	Kim Ki-taik (KOR)	Erik Lindh (SWE)
Barcelona 1992	Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE)	Jean-Philippe Gatien (FRA)	Kim Taek-Su (KOR) Ma Wenge (CHN)
Atlanta 1996	Liu Guoliang (CHN)	Wang Tao (CHN)	Jörg Roßkopf (GER)
Sydney 2000	Kong Linghui (CHN)	Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE)	Liu Guoliang (CHN)
Athens 2004	Ryu Seung-min (KOR)	Wang Hao (CHN)	Wang Liqin (CHN)
Beijing 2008	Ma Lin (CHN)	Wang Hao (CHN)	Wang Liqin (CHN)
London 2012	Zhang Jike (CHN)	Wang Hao (CHN)	Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER)
Rio 2016	Ma Long (CHN)	Zhang Jike (CHN)	Jun Mizutani (JPN)
Tokyo 2020	Ma Long (CHN)	Fan Zhendong (CHN)	Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER)

# Women's Singles:

Olympics	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Seoul 1998	Chen Jing (CHN)	Li Hui-Fen (CHN)	Jiao Zhi-Min (CHN)
Barcelona 1992	Deng Yaping (CHN)	Qiao Hong (CHN)	Hyeon Jeong-Hwa (KOR) Li Bun Hui (PRK)
Atlanta 1996	Deng Yaping (CHN)	Chen Jing (TPE)	Qiao Hong (CHN)
Sydney 2000	Wang Nan (CHN)	Li Ju (CHN)	Chen Jing (TPE)
Athens 2004	Zhang Yining (CHN)	Kim Hyang Mi (PRK)	Kim Kyung-Ah (KOR)
Beijing 2008	Zhang Yining (CHN)	Wang Nan (CHN)	Guo Yue (CHN)
London 2012	Li Xiaoxia (CHN)	Ding Ning (CHN)	Feng Tianwei (SGP)
Rio 2016	Ding Ning (CHN)	Li Xiaoxia (CHN)	Kim Song-i (PRK)
Tokyo 2020	Chen Meng (CHN)	Sun Yingsha (CHN)	Mima Ito (JPN)

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## **Mixed Doubles**

Olympics	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Tokyo 2020	Jun Mizutani/Mima Ito	Xu Xin/Liu Shiwen	Lin Yun-Ju/
	(JPN)	(CHN)	Cheng I-Ching (TPE)

#### **Men's Doubles**

Olympics	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Seoul 1988	Chen Long-Can/ Wei Qingguan (CHN)	llija Lupulesku/ Zoran Primorac (YUG)	An Jae Hyung/ Yoo Nam-Kyu (KOR)
Barcelona 1992	Lu Lin/Wang Tao (CHN)	Jörg Rosskopf/ Steffen Fetzner (GER)	Gang Hui-Chan/ Lee Chul Seung (KOR) Yoo Nam-Kyu/ Kim Taek-Su (KOR)
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Atlanta 1996	Kong Linghui/ Liu Guoliang (CHN)	Lu Lin/Wang Tao (CHN)	Lee Chul Seung/ Yoo Nam-Kyu (KOR)
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#### **Women's Doubles**

Olympics	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Seoul 1988	Yang Young-Ja/	Chen Jing /	Gordana Perkucin/
	Hyeon Jeong-Hwa (KOR)	Jiao Zhi-Min (CHN)	Jasna Fazlić (YUG)
Barcelona 1992	Deng Yaping/ Qiao Hong (CHN)	Chen Zihe/Gao Jun (CHN)	Hyun Jung-hwa/ Hong Cha-ok (KOR) Li Bun Hui/ Yuu Sun Bok (PRK)
Atlanta 1996	Deng Yaping/	Liu Wei/Qiao Yunping	Ryu Ji-Hye/
	Qiao Hong (CHN)	(CHN)	Park Hae-Jeong (KOR)
Sydney 2000	Wang Nan/Li Ju	Sun Jin/Yang Ying	Ryu Ji-Hye/
	(CHN)	(CHN)	Kim Moo-Kyo (KOR)
Athens 2004	Wang Nan/	Lee Eun-sil/	Guo Yue/Niu Jianfeng
	Zhang Yining (CHN)	Seok Eun-mi (KOR)	(CHN)

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## Men's Team:

Olympics	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Beijing 2008	China	Germany	Korea Republic
London 2012	China	Korea Republic	Germany
Rio 2016	China	Japan	Germany
Tokyo 2020	China	Germany	Japan

#### Women's Team:

Olympics	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Beijing 2008	China	Singapore	Korea Republic
London 2012	China	Japan	Singapore
Rio 2016	China	Germany	Japan
Tokyo 2020	China	Japan	Hong Kong, China



## A Classic Design, Reimagined

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games will see table tennis played on a unique surface: the Rainbow Table. This table takes inspiration from the iconic rainbow design, a symbol of unity across the sport. The black base represents the unknown potential and power of table tennis, while the pink-purple shade evokes the romantic essence of Paris.

## **Enhanced for the Olympics**

The Rainbow Table incorporates the five Olympic rings into a sleek 3D design on the frame and base, highlighting the spirit of the Games. This design prioritises player safety with a "sharp-reduction process" ensuring smooth movement during rallies.

## Complete the Set

Complementing the Rainbow Table are the official Paris 2024 table tennis balls. Featuring the Paris 2024 logo, these high-performance balls are designed to deliver exceptional speed, bounce, and consistency. Paired with world-class flooring engineered for optimal traction and shock absorption, the Paris 2024 table tennis setup promises to create a stage for thrilling rallies and unforgettable moments.





## **Technology Meets Aesthetics**

The Rainbow Table boasts a cutting-edge variable lighting system controlled by remote controls. This allows for dynamic lighting effects, adding a modern touch to the competition environment. It reflects the perfect blend of technology and aesthetic appeal.

This innovative table sets the stage for a thrilling Olympic table tennis competition, providing a visually captivating platform for athletes to showcase their skills and create lasting memories.

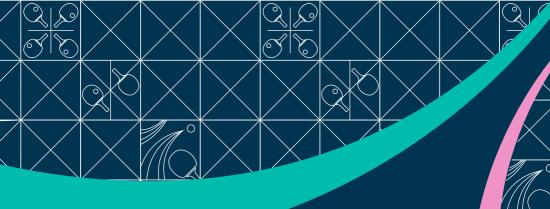
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