



2021 WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

23 - 29 NOVEMBER 2021, HOUSTON (USA)

2021 World Table Tennis Championships Playing System

1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1 As per ITTF Handbook (HB) 4.1.9.1, there will be 5 individual events – Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- 1.2 All events will be played as a straight knockout.
- 1.3 The winners of each event shall receive gold medals, the losing finalists silver medals and the losing semi-finalists bronze medals.
- 1.4 The first round of Men's Singles and Women's Singles will have 128 places and the first round of Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will have 64 places.
- 1.5 Singles events will have 32 seeded players and doubles events will have 16 seeded pairs.
- 1.6 All singles matches will be best of 7 games and all doubles matches will be best of 5 games.

2. DRAWS

The draws will take place on Sunday 21 November. Seeded players will be drawn into appropriate positions according to HB 3.6.2.3. All other players/pairs will then be drawn at random into the remaining 96 positions for singles and 48 positions for doubles.

Players of the same Association shall be separated according to HB 3.6.3.1, only in the first round of the draw but not in further rounds.

The ranking list which will be used for seeding and for the draws shall be the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking to be published on 16 November 2021 (week 46).

3. **DOUBLES/MIXED DOUBLES SEEDING – updated 11 October 2021**

Entries in doubles and mixed doubles events shall be done by combining each player's ITTF Table Tennis Doubles/Mixed Doubles Individual World Ranking position to form a combined pair rank. Players who have no ITTF Table Tennis Doubles/Mixed Doubles Individual World Ranking shall receive the ranking of the lowest ranked player plus 1 point.

Tie-Break procedures to determine seeding order of the pairs shall be as follows:

- 3.1 The pair with the greatest number of points in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
- 3.2 The pair with the best combined rank in the previous ranking week.
- 3.3 The pair with the most combined number of events over the previous 52-week period.
- 3.4 The pair with the most combined number of points in the Men's/Women's Singles ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
- 3.5 Randomly sorted by the seeding software.



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