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ITTF OVERVIEW

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) is the international governing body of Table Tennis and has 226 affiliated member associations; the most of any International Sports Federation.

The ITTF holds over 80 events a year, seen live on TV in over 110 countries and currently has over 2.6 million social media followers which makes it one of the most followed sports on the planet.

The ITTF was initiated in Berlin, Germany and became formalized in London in 1926.

Table tennis became an Olympic discipline at the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympic Games and a Paralympic Discipline in 1960 .

The current ITTF President is Mr Thomas WEIKERT (GER) who was appointed in 2014 and elected in 2017.

HISTORY OF TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis started as a parlour game in Victorian England; it was after dinner entertainment for the upper class society.

Gradually, the sport grew from a parlour game to a highly competitive activity. Interest began to fade around 1904, and it was not until its revival in the early 1920s that competition resumed on an ever-growing scale.

However, for the game to advance as a serious international sport, standards had to be developed, hence the formation of the ITTF in 1926, along with the first World Championships.

The first Championships were organised, in London in 1926, originally as a European Championships. There was one problem; a group of players from India wanted to compete; hastily just before play began, the name was changed to World Championships but the poster advertising the event remain as European Championships.

The game of Table Tennis has since gone from strength to strength, first appearing in the Olympic Games and now is the second most played sport in the world.

For further history look at the table tennis historical timeline here:
<https://www.ittf.com/history/documents/historyoftabletennis/>.

BASIC TABLE TENNIS RULES

SCORING

A World Championships team match is played to the best of 5 singles matches. The first team to win 3 matches, wins the team match.

In each individual match, the winner is determined when he/she wins 3 games. In order to win a game, the player first to reach 11 points wins the game (unless it's 10-10, then a player must win by 2 points).

FLOW OF THE MATCH

Each player serves two points in a row; then the service changes. However, if a score of 10-10 is reached in any game, then the service is alternate. After each game, the players change ends. In the final game (5th game), the players change ends when one player reaches five points

LEGAL SERVICE

The ball must rest on an open hand palm. It must be thrown vertically at least six inches and struck as the ball falls. The ball must bounce on the server's side and then the opponent's side of the table.

If the serve is legal except that it touches the net, it is called a let serve and the serve is done again.

EQUIPMENT

The racket must have a red and a black side. The ball must be white and 40 mm in diameter. The table is 2.74 meters long, 1.525 m wide, and 0.76 m high.

DID YOU KNOW?

A player's racket is tested randomly before each match, and opponents have the right to look at each other's rackets.

The edges of the table are part of the legal table surface, but not the sides.

If a game lasts for more than 10 minutes, the expedite rule comes into action. Serving is alternate, if the receiver returns the 13th stroke in the rally, the receiver has won the point.

If a player strikes the ball below the wrist of the hand that is holding the racket, the point is legal.

If a player hits the ball around the net and it still lands legally on the table, the shot is valid.

#ITTFWORLDS2018 VENUE



The WTT 2018 will be held in the Halmstad Arena – a multipurpose complex that will stage the entire event in three closely connected competition halls, all under the same roof, providing an almost unique style of spectator experience. The Halmstad Arena, located two kilometers from the city center of Halmstad, opened its doors in 2009 and is today the home for various sports and conferences as well as for major events held in the city. The main hall can be optimised for the championships division – plus the team finals with three centre courts and roughly 3000 spectators capacity.

The second hall, previously used for the 1998 European Top 12 event, offers 3500 seats and a combination of centre courts for the top division and regular competition courts. The third hall will carry the load for the lower divisions with capacity for approximately 500 spectators.

Halmstad is the smallest city ever to host a table tennis world championship. With only 100,000 inhabitants Halmstad can offer a unique experience where the vibe of table tennis runs through the whole city. The beautiful city center is full of activities, shopping, bars and restaurants – and it is located just two kilometers from Halmstad Arena.



Can Team China break their records for their 21st gold in both Men's and Women's teams respectively?



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KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
28 APR	Pre-event Press Conference
29 APR	Opening Ceremony
29 APR - 2 MAY	Group Matches (Men & Women)
1 MAY	ITTF Annual General Meeting
2 MAY	Round of 16 (Women)
3 MAY	Round of 16 (Men) Quarterfinal (Women)
4 MAY	Quarterfinal (Men) Semi-Final (Women)
5 MAY	Semi-Final (Men) Final Women Team Women's Final Press Conference
6 MAY	Final Men Team Men's Final Press Conference



Team United Korea (Korea DPR and Korea Republic) shocked China at the 1991 World Championships to take home the Corbillon Cup in Japan.

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SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT
29 APR	10AM - 1PM	Women Team Round 1
	1PM - 8PM	Men Team Round 1
	8PM	Women Team Round 2
30 APR	10AM - 1PM	Men Team Round 2
	1PM - 7PM	Women Team Round 3
	7PM	Men Team Round 3
1 MAY	10AM - 1PM	Women Team Round 4
	1PM - 7PM	Men Team Round 4
	7PM	Women Team Round 5
2 MAY	10AM - 1PM	Men Team Round 5
	1PM - 7PM	Women Team 1/8 Final
	7PM	Men Team Round 5
3 MAY	10AM - 1PM	Women Team 1/4 Final
	1PM - 7PM	Women Team 1/4 Final & Men Team 1/8 Final
	7PM	Men Team 1/8 Final
4 MAY	11AM - 2:30PM	Women Team 1/2 Final & Men Team 1/4 Final
	2:30PM - 5:30PM	Women Team 1/2 Final & Men Team 1/4 Final
	6PM	Men Team 1/4 Final
5 MAY	11AM - 2:30PM	Men Team 1/2 Final
	2:30PM - 5:30PM	Women Team Final
	6PM	Men Team 1/2 Final
6 MAY	2:30PM	Men Team Final

All timings in local time GMT+2.

#ITTFWORLDS2018 PLAYING SYSTEM

The teams at the Liebherr 2018 World Team Table Tennis Championships are split into three divisions for both men and women.

The top division is called the Championships Division, made up of the best 24 teams. The winner of this division will be crowned World Champion.

These 24 teams are made split into four groups of six teams for the first stage of the event, in a round robin format. Each team plays each other once for a total of five matches.

The winner of each of the group moves directly into the quarterfinals (receiving a bye through the round of 16). Teams placed 2nd and 3rd in their groups are drawn to play off against each other in the round of 16, with the exception of teams in the same group cannot play against each other again.

From the round of 16 on, the event becomes a knockout, until the World Champion is decided. The playing system for Division 2 will be identical.

For Division 3, the playing system will be identical with the exception that teams having played against each other in the group stage shall not meet again in the first or second round of the knock-out competition, and the losing teams for the first round will play one additional positional match.



PROMOTION

The top two finishing teams from division two downwards are guaranteed promotion to the next division for the following World Team Championships. The teams finishing in the top 14 places in their division guarantee that they will be in at least the same division. The rest of the places are determined by the ITTF Team ranking prior to the draw.

TEAMS & MATCH COMPETITION

Each team can nominate five players in their team for the event, however only three can play in each match. The team captain must advise the composition of his team and the position order of his players in the toss area to the umpires 45 minutes prior to the start of the match.

Each match consists of the best of five singles matches that are the best of five games.

The order of play is:

A v X

B v Y

C v Z

A v Y

B v X



Japan's Mima ITO is the youngest women's doubles winner with partner Miu HIRANO in 2014, and holds the record for the youngest singles title winner at an ITTF World Tour event.

Ito was awarded as the Breakthrough Star at the 2015 World Championships and 2015 ITTF Star Awards.

INTERESTING FACTS

Halmstad is the home city of Jorgen Persson, former team and singles winner from Sweden. Now 51 years old and retired from the national team, Persson will be acting as a local ambassador for the World Championships.

Sweden has held the World Championships on six occasions previously. Stockholm in 1928, 1949, 1957, 1967, and Gothenburg in 1985 and 1993. This is the first time they will host it in Halmstad.

Last time Sweden hosted the World Championships in 1993 their men's team won on home soil, beating China three matches to one in the final. The Swedish trio in the final were Jan-Ove Waldner, Jorgen Persson, and Peter Karlsson.

Vladimir Samsonov from Belarus is playing his 22nd World Championships, while Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive extends his record to 25 World Championships.

87 associations will be represented across the two team events.

60 associations have teams in both the men's and women's events.

18 associations appear in Championship Division for both men and women. The remaining 6 associations in each gender have counterpart teams in Division 2 and 3.

19 associations have sent a full contingent of players, five in each of their men's and women's team.

Championship Division has the most entries with 227 players (38%), Division 2 has 197 players (33%), and Division 3 has 171 players (29%) across both events.

Host nation Sweden has won the men's title five times, most recently in 2000. Only China, Hungary, and Japan have won the men's event more times. The women's team has never won the World Championships.

The Team Championships have been held 53 times previously, beginning in 1926 (the women's event being added in 1934). England has competed in 52 men's events and 45 women's events, missing just one of each. At the other end of the scale Morocco is fielding a women's team for the very first time.

79 of the top 100 ranked men are listed in teams (including the top 21 men), while 70 women from the top 100 are present.

The average age among male players is 25.6 years, and for female players 23.7 years. Tomokazu Harimoto from Japan is the youngest player in the men's team event, at 14 years, 10 months, and 2 days.

Traian Ciociu from Luxembourg is the oldest male player, at 55 years, 8 months, and 9 days.

Fathimath Dheema Ali from Maldives is the youngest player in the women's team event, at 10 years, 7 months, and 15 days.

Ni Xialian from Luxembourg is the oldest female player, at 54 years, 9 months, and 25 days.

USA's men's team is the youngest, with an average age of 18 years, likewise Malaysia's women's team has an average age of 18 years. Meanwhile the oldest teams belong to Nigeria in the men's event (average age 33.5 years) and Czech Republic in the women (average age 31 years). *Age at day one of WTTC, 29 April 2018.

There are 12 penhold players (2%) compared to 583 shakehand players (98%).

19% of players in Halmstad are left handed, 81% are right handed. However, in the Championship Division the left handed percentage is slightly higher at 22%.

5 men's teams (China, Chinese Taipei, Portugal, Belgium, Russia) in the Championship Division have more left handed players than right handed players.



In 2000, Jan Ove Waldner and Jörgen Persson led their team to their fourth World Team title, making it the last time that a country other than China was crowned Men's World Team Champion.

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

SEED #1: GERMANY
TEAM WORLD RANKING: 1

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #13

TIMO BOLL

WR: 2

Age: 37

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Timo became the oldest ever World No 1 in March 2018 after winning the Europe Top 16 Cup in February.



DIMITRIJ OVTCHAROV

WR: 3

Age: 29

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: In 2017, Dima won multiple World Tour titles and the Men's World Cup. He became the World No. 1 for the first time in January 2018.



RUWEN FILUS

WR: 21

Age: 30

Playing style: Right handed defensive shakehand

Fun fact: Filus's hardwork saw him being rewarded by being ranked among the top 20 players for the first time in 2018.



BASTIAN STEGER

WR: 23

Age: 37

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Steger won his first Men's Singles title at the Slovenia Open in April last year. He was also part of the team that won bronze at the 2016 Olympic Games.



PATRICK FRANZISKA

WR: 24

Age: 25

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Semi-finalist at the 2018 German Open, Franziska will be a vital team member to better their performance from the 2014 WTTC.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

SEED #2: CHINA

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #1

TEAM WORLD RANKING: 2

FAN ZHENDONG

WR: 1

Age: 21

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Fan's first major title came at the Men's World Cup in 2016, and he has 9 World Tour Singles title under his belt.



XU XIN

WR: 4

Age: 28

Playing style: Left handed attacking penhold

Fun fact: Nicknamed Anaconda, Xu is the masters of the doubles play, winning the Men's Doubles title 3 times, and mixed doubles once at the World Championships.



LIN GAOYUAN

WR: 5

Age: 23

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Lin won his first major title at the 2017 Asian Cup beating Fan Zhendong, and won his first Men's Singles World Tour title at the Austrian Open last year.



MA LONG

WR: 6

Age: 29

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Current Olympic and World Champion. The 29 year old became a Dad when his son was born in December 2017.



WANG CHUQIN

WR: 145

Age: 17

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Wang will be representing China at the 3rd Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires this year.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

SEED #3: JAPAN

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #2

TEAM WORLD RANKING: 3

KOKI NIWA

WR: 9

Age: 23

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: 2011 World Junior Champion and 2010 Youth Olympic Games Champion. Niwa was also part of the Japanese team which won silver medal at the 2016 Olympic Games.



JUN MIZUTANI

WR: 11

Age: 28

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Mizutani's bronze medal at the 2016 Olympic Games created history for Japan as it was the country first Olympic singles table tennis medal.



TOMOKAZU HARIMOTO

WR: 13

Age: 14

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: A record breaker in his own league, Harimoto is the youngest World Junior Champion (2016) and the youngest to ever win a World Tour Singles title.



KENTA MATSUDAIRA

WR: 14

Age: 27

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: 2006 World Junior Champion



YUYA OSHIMA

WR: 29

Age: 24

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Oshima won the Men's Doubles title at the 2017 World Tour Grand Finals, and was also part of the team that won silver at the 2016 WTTC.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

SEED #4: FRANCE

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #5

TEAM WORLD RANKING: 4

SIMON GAUZY

WR: 10

Age: 23

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Gauzy's career best result came at the 2016 European Championships and 2017 Men's World Cup, coming in 2nd and 4th respectively.



EMMANUEL LEBESSON

WR: 28

Age: 30

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Lebesson won the European Champion in 2016, and became the second French to win the Men's Singles title in history.



CAN AKKUZU

WR: 90

Age: 20

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Akkuzu represented France at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.



QUENTIN ROBINOT

WR: 99

Age: 25

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Robinot is the first Frenchmen to win the European Youth title in 2009.



ABDEL KADER SALIFOU

WR: 106

Age: 28

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Salifou won 3 singles titles in the 2013 Challenge Series tournament.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

SEED #9: SWEDEN

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #5

TEAM WORLD RANKING: 9

KRISTIAN KARLSSON

WR: 19 Age: 26

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Kristian has established himself as one of the top players, placing 4th at the 2016 Men's World Cup. He is representing Borussia Dusseldorf in the Bundesliga.



MATTIAS KARLSSON

WR: 20 Age: 26

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Using pimples out on the forehand, Mattias won the Mixed Doubles silver medal at the 2016 European Championships with Matilda Ekholm.



ANTON KÄLLBERG

WR: 62 Age: 20

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: 2015 European Junior Champion, Kallberg now plays in the Bundesliga in the team Borussia Dusseldorf.



JON PERSSON

WR: 63 Age: 31

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Oldest among the quintet, Persson reached the semi-final of the Men's Doubles event at the 2008 European Championships.



TRULS MOREGARD

WR: 315 Age: 16

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Moregard was the surprise finalist at the 2017 World Junior Championships, as he beat 2 Chinese players to reach the final of the Boys' singles.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #5: KOREA REPUBLIC	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #3			
LEE SANGSU	11	27	R	Attacking, shakehand
JANG WOOJIN	41	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
LIM JONGHOON	45	21	L	Attacking, shakehand
JEOUNG YOUNGSIK	53	26	R	Attacking, shakehand
KIM DONGHYUN	69	23	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #6: CHINESE TAIPEI	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #17			
CHUANG CHIH-YUAN	16	37	R	Attacking, shakehand
CHEN CHIEN-AN	30	26	L	Attacking, shakehand
LIAO CHEN-TING	40	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
LIN YUN-JU	80	16	L	Attacking, shakehand
LEE CHIA-SHENG	407	22	L	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #7: HONG KONG	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #5			
WONG CHUN TING	7	26	R	Attacking, penhold
HO KWAN KIT	35	21	L	Attacking, shakehand
NG PAK NAM	58	19	R	Attacking, shakehand
JIANG TIANYI	59	30	L	Attacking, shakehand
LAM SIU HANG	68	21	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #8: PORTUGAL	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #5			
MARCOS FREITAS	15	30	L	Attacking, shakehand
TIAGO APOLONIA	36	31	R	Attacking, shakehand
JOAO MONTEIRO	61	36	L	Attacking, shakehand
JOAO GERALDO	86	22	L	Attacking, shakehand
DIOGO CARVALHO	206	25	R	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #10: BRAZIL

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #26

HUGO CALDERANO	12	21	R	Attacking, shakehand
GUSTAVO TSUBOI	54	32	L	Attacking, shakehand
ERIC JOUTI	98	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
VITOR ISHIY	126	22	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #11: AUSTRIA

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #9

STEFAN FEGERL	45	29	R	Attacking, shakehand
ROBERT GARDOS	55	39	R	Attacking, shakehand
DANIEL HABESOHN	60	31	R	Attacking, shakehand
ANDREAS LEVENKO	112	19	R	Attacking, shakehand
ALEXANDER CHEN	246	24	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #12: ENGLAND

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #3

PAUL DRINKHALL	52	28	R	Attacking, shakehand
LIAM PITCHFORD	65	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
SAMUEL WALKER	96	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
DAVID MCBEATH	189	26	R	Attacking, shakehand
TOM JARVIS	270	18	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #13: INDIA

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #25

SATHIYAN GNANASEKARAN	46	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
SHARATH KAMAL ACHANTA	48	35	R	Attacking, shakehand
HARMEET DESAI	74	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
AMALRAJ ANTHONY	83	32	R	Attacking, shakehand
SANIL SHANKAR SHETTY	84	28	L	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #14: BELGIUM	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #29			
CEDRIC NUYTINCK	44	25	L	Attacking, shakehand
FLORENT LAMBIET	109	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
ROBIN DEVOS	116	24	L	Attacking, shakehand
MARTIN ALLEGRO	169	22	L	Attacking, shakehand
JEAN-MICHEL SAIVE	-	48	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #15: RUSSIA	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #15			
KIRILL SKACHKOV	75	30	R	Attacking, shakehand
SADI ISMAILOV	182	21	L	Attacking, shakehand
VLADIMIR SIDORENKO	243	16	L	Attacking, shakehand
DENIS IVONIN	454	19	R	Attacking, shakehand
VILDAN GADIEV	692	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #16: EGYPT	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #27			
OMAR ASSAR	17	26	R	Attacking, shakehand
MOHAMED EL-BEIALI	105	29	R	Attacking, shakehand
AHMED SALEH	123	38	R	Attacking, shakehand
EL-SAYED LASHIN	241	38	R	Attacking, shakehand
KHALID ASSAR	472	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #17: ROMANIA	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #17			
OVIDIU IONESCU	57	28	R	Attacking, shakehand
HUNOR SZOCS	66	26	R	Attacking, shakehand
ADRIAN CRISAN	172	37	R	Attacking, shakehand
CRISTIAN PLETEA	250	17	R	Attacking, shakehand
RARES SIPOS	331	17	R	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #18: CZECH REPUBLIC

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #13

PAVEL SIRUCEK	85	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
TOMAS KONECNY	94	32	R	Attacking, shakehand
TOMAS TREGLER	114	27	R	Attacking, shakehand
LUBOMIR JANCARIK	142	30	R	Attacking, shakehand
TOMAS POLANSKY	147	19	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #19: BELARUS

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #21

VLADIMIR SAMSONOV	37	42	R	Attacking, shakehand
ALIAKSANDR KHANIN	125	20	R	Attacking, shakehand
PAVEL PLATONOV	136	34	R	Attacking, shakehand
GLEB SHAMRUK	293	22	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #20: CROATIA

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #9

ANDREJ GACINA	39	31	R	Attacking, shakehand
TOMISLAV PUCAR	89	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
FRANE KOJIC	201	26	R	Attacking, shakehand
VJEKOSLAV ZOVKO	576	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
IVOR BAN	-	15	L	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #21: SINGAPORE

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #21

GAO NING	47	35	R	Attacking, shakehand
PANG XUE JIE	160	25	L	Attacking, shakehand
POH SHAO FENG ETHAN	233	19	R	Attacking, shakehand
LUCAS TAN	1073	18	R	Attacking, shakehand
BEH KUN TING	-	16	R	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

MEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #22: POLAND	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #9			
JAKUB DYJAS	64	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
PATRYK ZATOWKA	261	21	R	Attacking, shakehand
MAREK BADOWSKI	330	20	R	Attacking, shakehand
Paweł FERTIKOWSKI	-	27	L	Attacking, shakehand
TOMASZ KOTOWSKI	1001	19	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #23: SLOVENIA	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #37			
DARKO JORGIC	76	19	R	Attacking, shakehand
BOJAN TOKIC	111	37	R	Attacking, shakehand
DENI KOZUL	141	21	R	Attacking, shakehand
JAN ZIBRAT	217	26	L	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #24: KOREA DPR	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #9			
PAK SIN HYOK	87	24	L	Attacking, shakehand
CHOE IL	130	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
KANG WI HUN	179	28	R	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAM GROUPS

MEN

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

GROUP A

Germany
Hong Kong
Sweden
Egypt
Romania
Slovenia

GROUP B

China
Portugal
Brazil
Russia
Czech Republic
Korea DPR

GROUP C

Japan
Chinese Taipei
England
Belgium
Belarus
Singapore

GROUP D

France
Korea Republic
Austria
India
Croatia
Poland

SECOND DIVISION

GROUP E

Chile
Denmark
Ukraine
Thailand
Netherlands
Canada

GROUP F

Slovak Republic
Argentina
Nigeria
Australia
Turkey
Bulgaria

GROUP G

Italy
Hungary
Greece
Paraguay
Ecuador
Serbia

GROUP H

Spain
Iran
Kazakhstan
USA
Luxembourg
Puerto Rico

THIRD DIVISION

GROUP I

Mexico
Uzbekistan
New Zealand
Sri Lanka
Congo Brazzaville
South Africa

GROUP J

Cuba
Indonesia
Vietnam
Pakistan
Peru
Tunisia

GROUP K

Saudi Arabia
Lithuania
Switzerland
Algeria
Jordan
Togo

GROUP L

Malaysia
Dominican Republic
Guatemala
Macao
Finland
Israel

A young male table tennis player, Tomokazu Harimoto, is captured in a dynamic pose during a match. He is wearing a red and black athletic shirt with a Japanese flag patch and the word 'JAPAN' visible. He is holding a red table tennis paddle and looking intently at a white ball in the air. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a large arena.

Japan finished second at the last edition of the World Team Championships in Kuala Lumpur, can they finally take gold in Sweden with 14-year-old prodigy Tomokazu HARIMOTO on board?

SEED #1: CHINA

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #1

TEAM WORLD RANKING: 1

CHEN MENG

WR: 1

Age: 24

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Current World No. 1, Chen won the World Tour Grand Finals, and 3 World Tour Singles titles in 2017.



ZHU YULING

WR: 2

Age: 23

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: 2017 Asian and Women's World Cup Champion, Zhu reached World No 1 for the first time in November 2017.



WANG MANYU

WR: 5

Age: 19

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: 2 Women's Singles World Tour title under her belt, Wang will be competing in her first World Team Championships.



LIU SHIWEN

WR: 10

Age: 27

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Liu is one of the most dominant World Cup player in history, winning the World Cup title in 4 occasions.



DING NING

WR: 11

Age: 27

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: 2016 Olympic Champion, Ding is the third Chinese women player to win a hat-trick of World Singles title.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

WOMEN

SEED #2: JAPAN
TEAM WORLD RANKING: 2

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #2

KASUMI ISHIKAWA

WR: 3

Age: 25

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Mixed doubles World Champion in Dusseldorf last year, Ishikawa won her 8th World Tour title at the German Open in March.



MIU HIRANO

WR: 6

Age: 18

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: First Japanese to win the Asian Championships in 2017, and the first player outside of China to win the Women's World Cup in 2016.



MIMA ITO

WR: 7

Age: 17

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Youngest table tennis Olympic medalist and prior to 2017, Ito is the youngest winner of the women's singles and doubles event at the ITTF World Tour.



HINA HAYATA

WR: 18

Age: 17

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Winner of the 2017 World Tour Grand Finals in Women's Doubles



MIYU NAGASAKI

WR: 81

Age: 15

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Bronze medalist at the 2017 World Junior Championships, Nagasaki has been stamping her ground at the ITTF World Junior Circuits.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

WOMEN

SEED #3: CHINESE TAIPEI
TEAM WORLD RANKING: 3

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #3

CHENG I-CHING

WR: 8

Age: 26

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Coming in 2nd at the 2016 Women's World Cup, Cheng has established herself as one of the top 10 women's player the past 2 years.



CHEN SZU-YU

WR: 14

Age: 24

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Crowned Champion at the 2017 Taiwan National Games, Chen has been a consistent performer at the ITTF World Tour.



CHENG HSIEN-TZU

WR: 43

Age: 25

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Cheng played a vital role at the 2016 WTTC to help the Chinese Taipei team clinch the bronze medal.



LIN CHIA-HUI

WR: 99

Age: 30

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Member of the bronze medal team in 2016.



LIU HSING-YIN

WR: 118

Age: 30

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Member of the bronze medal team in 2016.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

WOMEN

SEED #4: HONG KONG
TEAM WORLD RANKING: 4

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #5

LEE HO CHING

WR: 16

Age: 25

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Representative at the 2016 Olympic Games, Lee now plays a big role in the team to lead the Hong Kong team to greater heights.



DOO HOI KEM

WR: 17

Age: 21

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Silver medalist at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, Doo is now the leading player for the HKG team.



SOO WAI YAM MINNIE

WR: 36

Age: 20

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: 2016 World Junior Circuit Finals Winner. Soo is ranked 2nd in the U21 World ranking (April).



NG WING NAM

WR: 68

Age: 25

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Ng has been representing the senior team since 2011, and was part of the team which won the bronze medal in 2014.



MAK TZE WING

WR: 134 **Age: 19**

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Silver medalist at the 2016 World Junior Championships, Mak was awarded the 2016 Hong Kong Junior Sports Stars Award.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

WOMEN

SEED #24: SWEDEN

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #21

TEAM WORLD RANKING: 24

MATILDA EKHOLM

WR: 37

Age: 35

Playing style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Mixed Doubles silver medallist at the 2016 European Championships, Ekholm has a huge role to play to better the results from 2016.



LINDA BERGSTROM

WR: 138

Age: 23

Playing style: Right handed defensive shakehand

Fun fact: Runner-up at the 2017 Swedish National Championships, Bergstrom first debut for the national team was in 2011.



JENNIFER JONSSON

WR: 160

Age: 23

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Jonsson will be looking to repeat her form shown at the 2018 Hungarian Open in Halmstad, where she beat Singapore's Yu Mengyu.



FILIPPA BERGAND

WR: 400

Age: 19

Playing style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Fun fact: Bergand will be participating in her first ever World Table Tennis Championships.



CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

WOMEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #5: KOREA REPUBLIC	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #9			
SUH HYOWON	12	30	R	Defend, shakehand
YANG HAEUN	27	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
JEON JIHEE	35	25	L	Attacking, shakehand
YOO EUNCHONG	74	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
KIM JIHO	286	18	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #6: ROMANIA	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #9			
ELIZABETA SAMARA	25	29	L	Attacking, shakehand
BERNADETTE SZOCS	29	21	R	Attacking, shakehand
ADINA DIACONU	87	18	R	Attacking, shakehand
DANIELA MONTEIRO DODEAN	96	30	R	Attacking, shakehand
IRINA CIOBANU	202	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #7: AUSTRIA	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #9			
SOFIA POLCANOVA	21	23	L	Attacking, shakehand
LIU JIA	42	36	L	Attacking, shakehand
KAROLINE MISCHEK	184	19	L	Attacking, shakehand
AMELIE SOLJA	188	27	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #8: SINGAPORE	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #5			
FENG TIANWEI	4	31	R	Attacking, shakehand
YU MENGYU	50	28	R	Attacking, shakehand
LIN YE	93	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
ZHANG WANLING	275	18	R	Attacking, shakehand
KOH KAI XIN PEARLYN	-	16	R	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

WOMEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #9: RUSSIA

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #17

POLINA MIKHAILOVA	46	31	R	Defend, shakehand
YANA NOSKOVA	76	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
MARIIA TAILAKOVA	101	17	R	Attacking, shakehand
VALERIA SHCHERBATYKH	261	19	R	Attacking, shakehand
ANASTASIA KOLISH	409	17	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #10: HUNGARY

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #13

GEORGINA POTA	33	33	R	Attacking, shakehand
SZANDRA PERGEL	69	29	L	Attacking, shakehand
DORA MADARASZ	90	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
KRISZTINA AMBRUS	141	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
MERCEDES NAGYVARADI	257	23	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #11: GERMANY

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #5

SABINE WINTER	57	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
PETRISSA SOLJA	59	24	L	Attacking, shakehand
NINA MITTELHAM	72	21	R	Attacking, shakehand
KRISTIN LANG	168	33	R	Attacking, shakehand
CHANTAL MANTZ	239	21	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #12: NETHERLANDS

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #

LI JIE	20	34	R	Defend, shakehand
BRITT EERLAND	62	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
KIM VERMAAS	207	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
LI JIAO	252	45	L	Attacking, penhold
EMINE ERNST	-	14	R	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

WOMEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #13: POLAND	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #17			
LI QIAN	32	31	R	Defend, shakehand
NATALIA PARTYKA	60	28	L	Attacking, shakehand
KATARZYNA GRZYBOWSKA-FRANC	73	29	R	Attacking, shakehand
KLAUDIA KUSINSKA	228	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
NATALIA BAJOR	243	21	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #14: THAILAND	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #13			
SUTHASINI SAWETTABUT	55	23	R	Attacking, shakehand
NANTHANA KOMWONG	98	37	R	Attacking, shakehand
TAMOLWAN KHETKHUAN	117	20	R	Attacking, shakehand
ORAWAN PARANANG	185	20	L	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #15: UKRAINE	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #9			
GANNA GAPONOVA	63	32	R	Defend, shakehand
TETYANA BILENKO	92	34	R	Defend, shakehand
SOLOMIYA BRATEYKO	119	19	L	Attacking, shakehand
MARGARYTA PESOTSKA	182	26	R	Attacking, shakehand
VERONIKA HUD	677	16	R	Attacking, shakehand
SEED #16: INDIA	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #25			
MANIKA BATRA	58	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
MOUMA DAS	88	34	R	Attacking, shakehand
MADHURIKA PATKAR	112	31	R	Attacking, shakehand
POOJA SAHASRABUDHE	175	26	R	Attacking, shakehand
SUTIRTHA MUKHERJEE	205	20	R	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

WOMEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #17: EGYPT

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #29

DINA MESHREF	40	24	L	Attacking, shakehand
YOUSRA HELMY	120	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
FARAH ABDEL-AZIZ	147	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
REEM EL-ERAKY	732	22	L	Attacking, shakehand
GALILA NASSER	824	25	L	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #18: BELARUS

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #15

VIKTORIA PAVLOVICH	52	39	R	Defend, shakehand
DARIA TRIGOLOS	91	18	R	Attacking, shakehand
NADEZHDA BOGDANOVA	209	17	R	Attacking, shakehand
ALEXANDRA PRIVALOVA	324	30	R	Attacking, shakehand
MARHARYTA BALTUSHITE	353	17	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #19: KOREA DPR

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #3

KIM SONG I	49	23	R	Defend, shakehand
CHA HYO SIM	161	23	L	Attacking, shakehand
CHOE HYON HWA	167	25	L	Attacking, shakehand
KIM NAM HAE	271	22	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #20: BRAZIL

POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #21

BRUNA TAKAHASHI	89	17	R	Attacking, shakehand
CAROLINE KUMAHARA	94	22	R	Attacking, shakehand
GUI LIN	102	24	R	Attacking, shakehand
JESSICA YAMADA	584	28	R	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAMS

WOMEN

WR Age Hand Playing Style

SEED #22: LUXEMBOURG	POSITION AT WTTC 2016:			
NI XIA LIAN	51	54	L	Attacking, penhold
SARAH DE NUTTE	61	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
DANIELLE KONSBRUCK	291	25	R	Attacking, shakehand
SARAH MEYER	471	18	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #23: CZECH REPUBLIC	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #15			
HANA MATELOVA	53	27	R	Attacking, shakehand
DANA CECHOVA	105	34	R	Attacking, shakehand
KARIN ADAMKOVA	159	23	R	Attacking, shakehand
RENATA STRBIKOVA	166	38	R	Attacking, shakehand

SEED #24: USA	POSITION AT WTTC 2016: #17			
LILY ZHANG	56	21	R	Attacking, shakehand
WU YUE	122	28	R	Attacking, shakehand
AMY WANG	479	15	R	Attacking, shakehand
WANG XINYUE	-	27	R	Attacking, shakehand

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION TEAM GROUPS

WOMEN

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

GROUP A

China
Singapore
Russia
India
Belarus
Sweden

GROUP B

Japan
Austria
Hungary
Ukraine
Egypt
USA

GROUP C

Chinese Taipei
Romania
Netherlands
Poland
Korea DPR
Czech Republic

GROUP D

Hong Kong
Korea Republic
Germany
Thailand
Brazil
Luxembourg

SECOND DIVISION

GROUP E

France
Croatia
Colombia
Slovak Republic
Uzbekistan
Mexico

GROUP F

Italy
Belgium
Argentina
Slovenia
Turkey
Greece

GROUP G

Spain
Puerto Rico
Australia
Iran
Lithuania
Cuba

GROUP H

Chile
Switzerland
England
Serbia
Dominican Republic
Canada

THIRD DIVISION

GROUP I

Azerbaijan
Finland
Malaysia
Mongolia
Pakistan
Morocco

GROUP J

Guatemala
Indonesia
Kazakhstan
Lebanon
Jordan
South Africa

GROUP K

Estonia
Algeria
Turkmenistan
Macao
Bulgaria
Portugal

GROUP L

Norway
Wales
Maldives
Sri Lanka
Bangladesh
Bosnia-Herzegovina

Team Singapore caused one of the biggest upsets in World Championships history by beating Team China in Moscow in 2010 to take the Women's Team title.



TEAM WORLD RANKINGS

TOP 36 MEN'S TEAMS

WR	Country
1	Germany
2	China
3	Japan
4	France
5	Korea Republic
6	Chinese Taipei
7	Hong Kong
8	Portugal
9	Sweden
10	Brazil
11	Austria
12	England
13	India
14	Belgium
15	Russia
16	Egypt
17	Romania
18	Czech Republic
19	Belarus
20	Croatia
21	Singapore
22	Poland
23	Slovenia
24	Chile
25	Korea DPR
26	Slovak Republic
27	Italy
28	Spain
29	Iran
30	Hungary
31	Argentina
32	Denmark
33	Ukraine
34	Nigeria
35	Kazakhstan
36	Greece

TOP 36 WOMEN'S TEAMS

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6	Romania
7	Austria
8	Singapore
9	Russia
10	Hungary
11	Germany
12	Netherlands
13	Poland
14	Thailand
15	Ukraine
16	India
17	Egypt
18	Belarus
19	Korea DPR
20	Brazil
21	Luxembourg
22	Czech Republic
23	USA
24	Sweden
25	France
26	Italy
27	Spain
28	Chile
29	Puerto Rico
30	Switzerland
31	Croatia
32	Belgium
33	Colombia
34	Argentina
35	England
36	Australia

WTTTC TROPHIES & HISTORY



SWAYTHLING CUP (MEN'S TEAM)

The Swaythling Cup is presented to the winners of the Men's Team Event at each World Team Table Tennis Championships.

The Cup was donated in 1926 by Lady Baroness Swaythling, the mother of Ivor Montagu, who was the first ITTF President and remained in that role for record 41 years.

The first winners of the Swaythling Cup was Hungary who were triumphant in London 1926 and won the first 5 editions of the competition before the Czechoslovaks beat them in 1932 in Prague.



CORBILLON CUP (WOMEN'S TEAM)

President of the French Table Tennis Association Marcel Corbillon donated the Corbillon Cup in Paris 1933 prior to the Women's Team event being held for the first time at the 1934 World Championships.

The original Cup disappeared during the early days of the Berlin occupation after World War II but the German Table Tennis Federation ended up arranging an exact replica in 1949.

Germany were the first winners of the Women's Team event in 1934.

#ITTFWORLDS2018 **TABLE**

This year, players will pit themselves against their opponents on the brand new table created for the World Table Tennis Championships in Halmstad.

The design is based on DHS's classic Rainbow model with a color combination of gold and blue.

In order to display the element of the WTTTC well, the logo of WTTTC was incorporated as part of undercarriage. In addition, the color of table top is customized according to the blue on Sweden flag, in order to create a special look with Swedish elements.

DHS is renowned for its high-quality tables used in large-scale events, having been the official table supplier of the Olympic Games in 2008, 2012 as well as the World Table Tennis Championships in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, & 2017.



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2016 WTTTC CHAMPIONS

MEN'S TEAM - CHINA

(L-R: Zhang Jike, Ma Long, Liu Guoliang (Coach), Xu Xin, Fan Zhendong, Fang Bo)



WOMEN'S TEAM - CHINA

(L-R: Li Xiaoxia, Chen Meng, Kong Linghui (Coach), Zhu Yuling, Liu Shiwen, Ding Ning)



PAST CHAMPIONS (1926-2016)

YEAR	LOCATION	MEN'S TEAM CHAMPION	WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPION
2016	Kuala Lumpur	China	China
2014	Tokyo	China	China
2012	Dortmund	China	China
2010	Moscow	China	Singapore
2008	Guangzhou	China	China
2006	Dortmund	China	China
2004	Doha	China	China
2001	Osaka	China	China
2000	Kuala Lumpur	Sweden	China
1997	Manchester	China	China
1995	Tianjin	China	China
1993	Gothenburg	Sweden	China
1991	Chiba City	Sweden	Korea
1989	Dortmund	Sweden	China
1987	New Delhi	China	China
1985	Gothenburg	China	China
1983	Tokyo	China	China
1981	Novi Sad	China	China
1979	Pyongyang	Hungary	China
1977	Birmingham	China	China
1975	Calcutta	China	China
1973	Sarajevo	Sweden	South Korea
1971	Nagoya	China	Japan
1969	Munich	Japan	Soviet Union
1967	Stockholm	Japan	Japan
1965	Ljubljana	China	China
1963	Prague	China	Japan
1961	Beijing	China	Japan
1959	Dortmund	Japan	Japan
1957	Stockholm	Japan	Japan
1956	Tokyo	Japan	Romania
1955	Utrecht	Japan	Romania
1954	Wembley	Japan	Japan
1953	Bucharest	England	Romania
1952	Bombay	Hungary	Japan
1951	Vienna	Czechoslovakia	Romania
1950	Budapest	Czechoslovakia	Romania
1949	Stockholm	Hungary	United States
1948	Wembley	Czechoslovakia	England
1947	Paris	Czechoslovakia	England
1939	Cairo	Czechoslovakia	Germany
1938	Wembley	Hungary	Czechoslovakia
1937	Baden	United States	United States
1936	Prague	Austria	Czechoslovakia
1935	Wembley	Hungary	Czechoslovakia
1933	Paris	Hungary	Germany
1933	Baden	Hungary	X
1932	Prague	Czechoslovakia	X
1931	Budapest	Hungary	X
1930	Berlin	Hungary	X
1929	Budapest	Hungary	X
1928	Stockholm	Hungary	X
1926	London	Hungary	X

CURRENT WORLD & OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

2016 Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Men's Singles

Gold	MA Long (CHN)
Silver	ZHANG Jike (CHN)
Bronze	Jun MIZUTANI (JPN)

Women's Singles

Gold	DING Ning (CHN)
Silver	LI Xiaoxia (CHN)
Bronze	KIM Song-I (PRK)

Men's Team

Gold	China
Silver	Japan
Bronze	Germany

Women's Team

Gold	China
Silver	Germany
Bronze	Japan

2017 World Championships Dusseldorf, Germany

Men's Singles

Gold	MA Long (CHN)
Silver	FAN Zhendong (CHN)
Bronze	XU Xin (CHN)
Bronze	LEE Sangsu (KOR)

Women's Singles

Gold	DING Ning (CHN)
Silver	ZHU Yuling (CHN)
Bronze	Miu HIRANO (JPN)
Bronze	LIU Shiwen (CHN)

Men's Doubles

Gold	FAN Zhendong / XU Xin (CHN)
Silver	Masataka MORIZONO / Yuya OSHIMA (JPN)
Bronze	JEOUNG Youngsik / LEE Sangsu (KOR)
Bronze	Koki NIWA / Maharu YOSHIMURA (JPN)

Women's Doubles

Gold	DING Ning / LIU Shiwen (CHN)
Silver	CHEN Meng / ZHU Yuling (CHN)
Bronze	FENG Tianwei / YU Mengyu (SGP)
Bronze	Hina HAYATA / Mima ITO (JPN)

Mixed Doubles

Gold	Maharu YOSHIMURA / Kasumi ISHIKAWA (JPN)
Silver	CHEN Chien-An / CHENG I-Ching (TPE)
Bronze	FANG Bo (CHN) / PetriSSA SOLJA (GER)
Bronze	WONG Chun Ting / DOO Hoi Kem (HKG)



China's MA Long is the the first male player in the world to have won every singles title in table tennis.

2017-18 MAJOR TITLE **WINNERS**

2018 Team World Cup

London, England

	MEN'S	WOMEN'S
Gold	CHINA	CHINA
Silver	JAPAN	JAPAN

Liebherr 2017 Men's Team Cup

Liege, Belgium

Gold	Dimitrij OVTCHAROV (GER)
Silver	Timo BOLL (GER)

2017 Uncle Pop Women's World Cup

Markham, Canada

Gold	ZHU Yuling (CHN)
Silver	LIU Shiwen (CHN)

Seamaster 2017

ITTF World Tour (Platinum)

Australia Open (Gold Coast)

Men's Singles	Vladimir SAMSONOV (BLR)
Women's Singles	CHEN Meng (CHN)

Austria Open (Linz)

Men's Singles	LIN Gaoyuan (CHN)
Women's Singles	WANG Manyu (CHN)

China Open (Chengdu)

Men's Singles	Dimitrij OVTCHAROV (GER)
Women's Singles	DING Ning (CHN)

German Open (Magdeburg)

Men's Singles	Dimitrij OVTCHAROV (GER)
Women's Singles	CHEN Meng (CHN)

Japan Open (Tokyo)

Men's Singles	MA Long (CHN)
Women's Singles	SUN Yingsha (CHN)

Qatar Open (Doha)

Men's Singles	MA Long (CHN)
Women's Singles	CHEN Meng (CHN)

World Tour Grand Finals (Kazakhstan, Astana)

Men's Singles	FAN Zhendong (CHN)
Women's Singles	CHEN Meng (CHN)

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

FROM	LOCATION	EVENT
18-19 May	Port Vila (VAN)	ITTF-Oceania Cup
24-27 May	Hong Kong (HKG)	Seamaster ITTF World Tour Regular – Hong Kong
31 May - 3 Jun	Shenzhen (CHN)	Seamaster ITTF World Tour Platinum – China
8-10 Jun	Kitakyushu (JPN)	Seamaster ITTF World Tour Regular - Japan
15-17 Jun	Asuncion (PAR)	ITTF-Pan Am Cup
19-22 Jul	Daejeon (KOR)	Seamaster ITTF World Tour Platinum – Korea
26-29 Jul	Geelong (AUS)	Seamaster ITTF World Tour Platinum – Australia
16-19 Aug	Panagyurishte (BUL)	Seamaster ITTF World Tour Regular – Bulgaria
18 Aug - 2 Sep	Jarkarta, Palembang	Asian Games - Indonesia
23-16 Aug	Olomouc (CZE)	Seamaster ITTF World Tour Regular – Czech
3-9 Sep	Port Louis (MRI)	ITTF African Championships
18-23 Sep	Alicante (ESP)	ITTF European Championships
28-30 Sep	Chengdu (CHN)	ITTF Womens' World Cup
6-18 Oc	Buenos Aires (ARG)	3rd Youth Olympic Games
19-21 Oct	Paris (FRA)	Liebherr 2018 Mens' World Cup
1-4 Nov	Stockholm (SWE)	Seamaster ITTF World Tour Regular – Sweden
8-11 Nov	Linz (AUT)	Seamaster ITTF World Tour Platinum – Austria
2-9 Dec	Bendigo (AUS)	World Junior Table Tennis Championships
13-16 Dec	TBC	Seamaster 2018 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals

MEDIA GUIDELINES

The media is an essential part of the success of the World Championships, so the ITTF wants to create the best possible atmosphere for the media to work.

In return, the ITTF asks the media to adhere to the below guidelines to ensure that the players, spectators, TV viewers and competition management will also have the best event possible.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Photographers are only allowed onto the field of play (FoP) with an official bib issued by the organizing committee.
- A bib can be obtained at the welcome desk, by leaving a piece of ID as deposit. This bib must be returned at the end of each day.
- Any photographers / accredited press on the FoP without a bib will be asked to leave immediately.
- Only a limited number of photographers will be allowed on the FoP. This will be determined by level of importance, then a first come, first served basis. If you are unable to enter the FoP, the ITTF will provide your agency with the photos that you need. Photographers will be able to take photos from the tribune.
- Only photographers with professional cameras will be given an official bib to enter the FoP.
- As photographers are seen by spectators and on television, they are required to dress presentably whilst on the FoP (collared shirt / blouse, long pants / skirts and covered shoes).
- Each day there will be a diagram indicating where photographers are allowed on the FoP. Photographers found outside this area will be asked to leave the FoP.
- Photographers are required to bring their own stool / chairs onto the FoP and are kindly asked to sit while taking photos.
- Photographers must not bring anything except their camera and one spare lens onto the FoP. No laptop and no bags are permitted.
- Photographers are not allowed to move during or in between points.
- Photographers can only move during time outs and in between games.
- Strictly no flash photography is allowed on the FoP.
- Photographers are not allowed in the mixed zone.
- Photographers are allowed to take photos from the press tribune if they are not disrupting anyone.
- Photographers are only permitted to take still pictures and not videos.
- The Organizing Committee (OC) will provide secured, lockable storage for your equipment.

MIXED ZONE

The priority for accredited media's access to players and officials in the mixed zone will be as follows:

- Host Broadcaster
- Television Rights Holders
- ITTF Interviews
- Television Non-rights holders
- Radio Interviews
- Written Press

There will be set areas for each of the above categories, with the higher priority media getting access to the players first.

FILMINGS RIGHTS FOR THE FIELD OF PLAY AND MIXED ZONE

Please find below the explanation of the different material that ENG crews & Video Journalists can or cannot film during the World Championships:

1. All Crews Have the Right to Film:

- Press conferences following the Draw and after the main matches (note all filming must be done at the back of the room on the designated platforms).
- Interviews in the mixed zone.
- Private interviews in the interview room.

Non-rights holders may NOT film match action on the FoP. If non-TV rights holders would like to have access to match footage, they must contact ITTF's Head of Media Matt Pound at mpound@ittf.com.

2. Rights Holders Have the Right to Film:

- Match action on the FoP, proving they have permission from the HB that they are not disrupting the world feed.
- Presentations, training and warm up on the FoP.
- One-to-one Interviews:
 - After the Draw
 - After each press conference
 - Training in the training hall.

Any unauthorized filming may result in the revoking of the relevant media accreditation.

MEDIA GUIDELINES

MEDIA CENTRE & PRESS TRIBUNE

Only accredited media are permitted into the media centre & press tribune and are not allowed to bring in guests.

As there are limited seats in the press tribune, there will be an order of priority given to media that are allowed access.

As the media centre is a place for work, media must keep the noise to a minimum.

There will be lockers provided for photographers to store their equipment in the media centre.

GENERAL

Television, radio, or written interviews may only take place in the mixed zone (after matches), in the interview room and during the press conference.

If the accredited media would like to have a one-to-one interview with a player, they must organize this through the OC press team or the ITTF Head of Communications (contact details, please see below), and should not approach the player themselves outside the mixed zone or press conference room.

The OC Media operations staff will manage all photographers onsite and be present to assist photographers with queries, photo position placement and will enforce the guidelines stated herein.

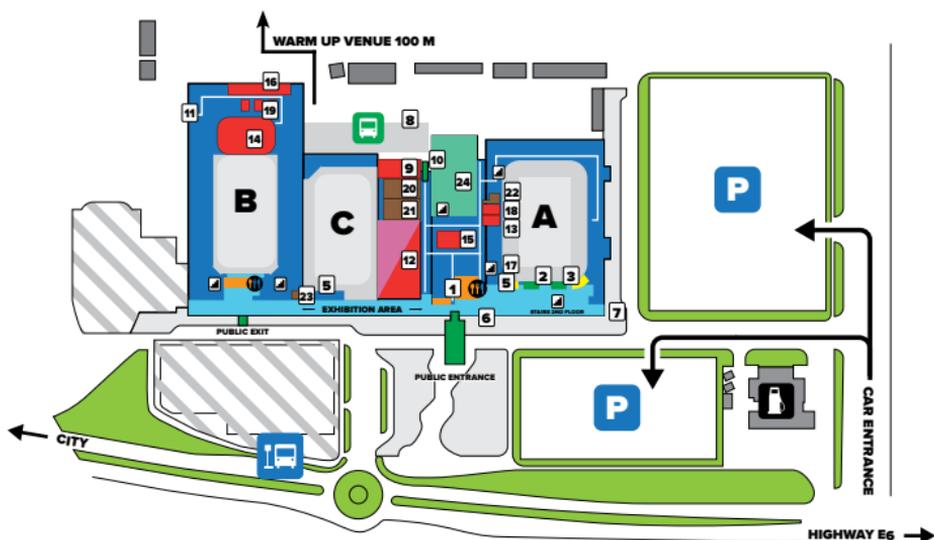
If the accredited media would like additional photographs, quotes, results, stats or general information, please ask the OC press team or the ITTF Head of Communications and they will be more than happy to help.

For clarification on any items, please email ITTF's Head of Media Matt Pound at mpound@ittf.com.

MEDIA ACCESS

Function	Photographer	Pool Photographer	ITTF Officials	Host Broadcaster	Rights Holder (TV)	Non-Rights Holders	No Bib	No Bib
	Light Brown PHOTO X	Black POOL X	Black ITTF X	Grey HB X	Blue TVRH X	Purple Video RH X	Access 8 with 	Access 8
Media Center	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
Press Conference Area	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
Media Tribune		Ok	Ok				Ok	
Spectator Tribune		Ok	Ok					
Mixed Zone		Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
Practice Hall		Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok (Limited)			
2nd Competition Hall	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok
Commentary Seats			Ok	Ok	Ok			
Field of Play (FoP)	Ok (Ring Round)	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok (Limited)			

MEDIA AREA DETAILED MAP

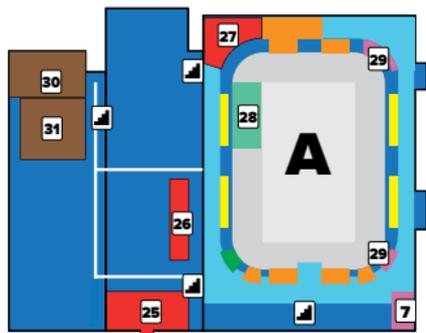


FLOOR 1

- A = Venue A
- B = Venue B
- C = Venue C
- 1 = Souvenir Shop
- 2 = Information Centre
- 3 = Wardrobe (Cloak Room)
- 4 = Fun Zone, Food Areas (2nd floor)
- 5 = Elevators
- 6 = ATM
- 7 = VIP-Entrance
- 8 = Shuttle Bus
- 9 = Transport Centre
- 10 = Player Entrance Venue A
- 11 = Player Entrance Venue B & C
- 12 = VIP Warm-up Lounge
- 13 = Call Area Venue A
- 14 = Call Area Venue B & C
- 15 = Changing Rooms Venue A
- 16 = Changing Rooms Venue B & C

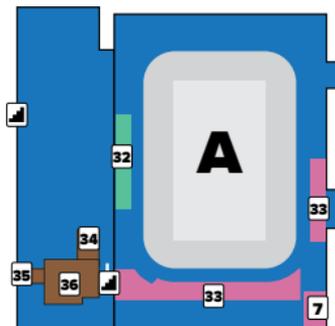
- 17 = Doping Control
- 18 = Racket Control Venue A
- 19 = Racket Control Venue B & C
- 20 = Volunteer Centre
- 21 = ITTF Meeting Room Roxette
- 22 = Tournament Office
- 23 = Security Office
- 24 = Press & Media Centre

- Media Facilities
- Player Facilities
- Offices/Meeting Rooms
- VIP
- Public Area
- Public Toilets
- Restaurants
- Elevator
- Entrance/Exit
- Info/Souvenir



Floor 2

- 7 = VIP Entrance
- 25 = Players gym
- 26 = Massage
- 27 = Players Lounge
- 28 = Press tribune
- 29 = VIP Lounge
- 30 = ITTF Meeting room ABBA
- 31 = ITTF Office



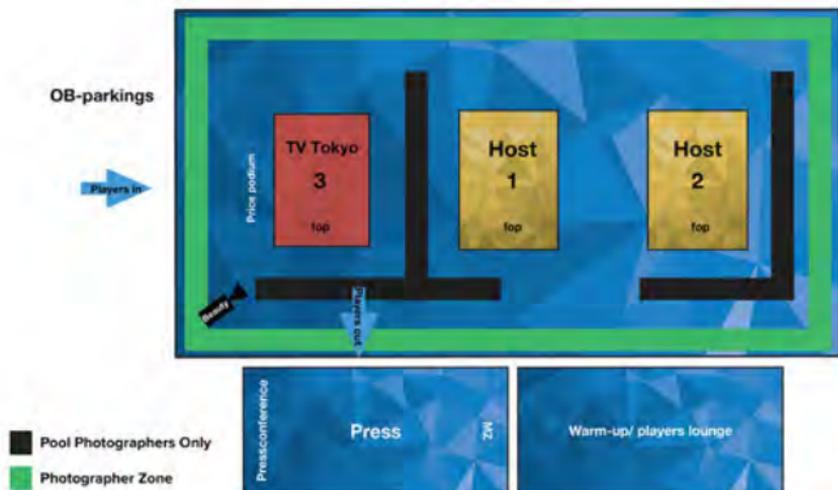
Floor 3

- 32 = Media Area
- 33 = VIP Area
- 34 = ITTF Meeting room Avicci
- 35 = ITTF Meeting room Europe
- 36 = Accreditation center

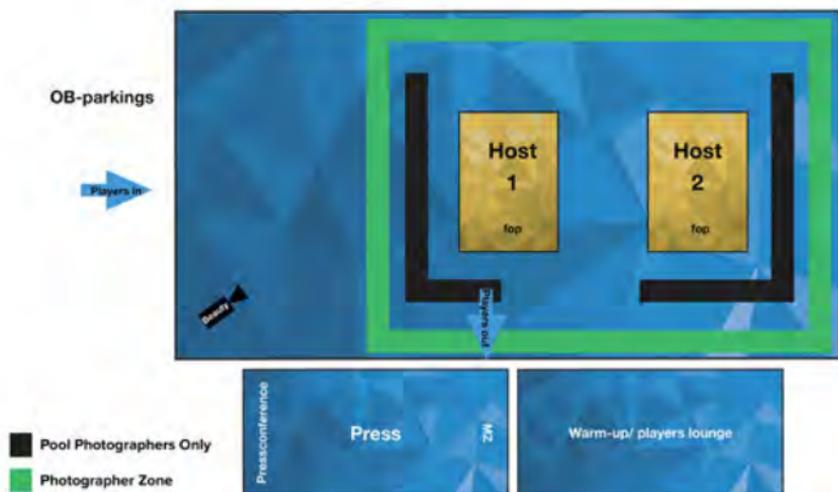
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PHOTOGRAPHER ZONES

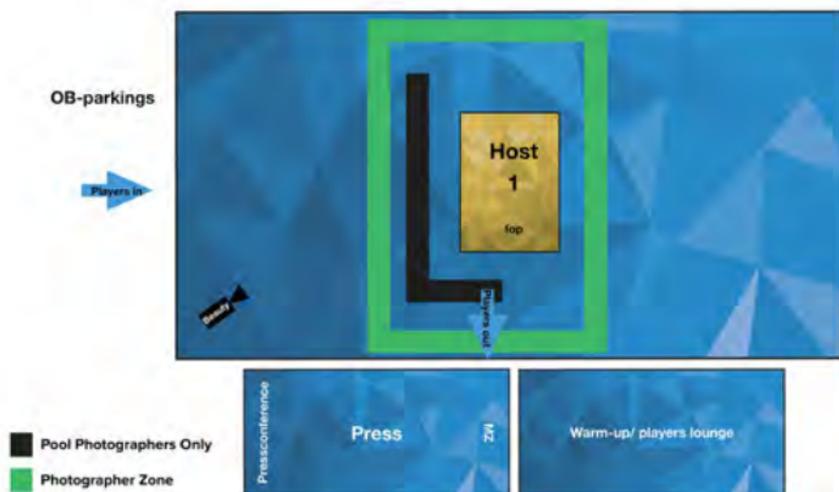
DAY 1 - 4 (29 APR - 2 MAY)



DAY 5 - 6 (3-4 MAY)



DAY 7 - 8 (5-6 MAY)



GENERAL INFORMATION

ACCREDITATION

All media will pick up their accreditation badges in the booth outside the venue (front side). When they are already accredited, they are allowed to enter at the back of the venue.

TRAINING HALL

Only the host broadcaster and TV rights holders have access to the training hall. Written press, and photographers do not have access.

MONEY / CURRENCY

The Swedish Krona (SEK) is the currency of Sweden. The symbol is KR. In April 2018, 100SEK is worth:

100 SEK = 11.91 USD

100 SEK = 9.69 Euros

TIMEZONE

The time zone in Sweden during the World Team Table Tennis Championships will be GMT +2.

CLIMATE

The climate at the time of the World Team Table Tennis Championships sees an increase of average daily temperature from 13 to 28°C daily with a low of approximately 4°C nightly. The city will be mostly sunny with clouds with a chances of rain toward the last day.

ABOUT HALMSTAD

Halmstad is a port, university, industrial and recreational city on the Swedish west coast. The city covers an area of 34.13km² and has an estimated population of 100,000. Halmstad has an oceanic climate with warm summers and cold winters, as is characteristic of south Scandinavian weather.

MEDIA SERVICES

MEDIA CENTRE

On floor 1, there is a media centre with all the facilities media need to conduct their work. The media centres will provide accredited media with access to working areas, free high-speed internet access, media tools, tea, coffee and snacks.

Opening times for the media centre are:

- 27 April 12.00-16.00
- 28 April 12.00-16.00
- 29 April-3 May 08.00-23.00
- 4 & 5 May 09.00-22.00
- 6 May 10.00-19.00

MEDIA TRIBUNE

The Media tribune features a combination of working desk positions and standard observer seats for the media. Due to the limited space in the media tribune, the main seats will be reserved for OC, ITTF and wired agencies. The remaining seats will be allocated to one person per agency on a first come first served basis. To access the media tribune, media will need to have a green sticker which will be allocated by the OC.

FIELD PHOTOGRAPHER

To go onto the field of play, photographers must first obtain a bib from the welcome desk. A piece of ID must be given as deposit in order to receive the bib. Photographers are obliged to wear their bibs at all times whilst on the field of play and must follow the accredited media guidelines.

MIXED ZONE

After every match, all the players will pass through the mixed zone. This gives the accredited media the opportunity to interact one on one with the players and the teams. The first part of the mixed zone is dedicated to TV broadcasters and they have the first priority to speak to the players. The second part of the mixed zone is for the written press.

PRESS CONFERENCES

After the men's and women's gold medal match, there will be a press conference with the winners and runner-ups. The press conference will be held at the press conference room inside the media center.

MEDIA TOOLS

ITTF MEDIA TOOLS

To assist the world's media coverage of the World Championships, the ITTF will provide the following to the accredited media:

- Interesting stories concerning the upcoming matches
- Daily statistics and fact sheet
- Daily flash quotes
- Upcoming schedule
- Previous days' results
- Official ITTF daily press release
- Video interviews
- Daily video highlights

If you require anything additional, please contact ITTF's Promotions Manager Yang Caifeng at +65 8323 7613.

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