

PLAYING SYSTEM

ITTF WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS
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1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1 As per ITTF Handbook 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. DRAW

- 2.1. The draws will take place on **Wednesday 30 April 2025**. Seeded players/pairs will be drawn into appropriate positions in terms of 3.6.2.3 of the ITTF Handbook. All other players/pairs will then be drawn at random into the remaining 96 positions for Singles and 48 positions for Doubles.
- 2.2. Players of the same Association shall be separated according to 3.6.3.1 of the ITTF Handbook, only in the first round of the draw but not in further rounds.
- 2.3. The ranking list which will be used for seeding and for the draws shall be the latest ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking Lists at the time, in this case **#Week 18** to be published on **Tuesday, 29 April 2025**.

3. DOUBLES/MIXED DOUBLES SEEDING

- 3.1. Seeding 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 (list will be sorted in ascending order). 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.
- 3.2. Tie-Break procedures to determine seeding order of the pairs shall be as follows:
 - 3.2.1. The pair with the greatest number of points in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
 - 3.2.2. The pair with the best combined rank in the previous ranking week.
 - 3.2.3. The pair with the most combined number of events over the previous 52-week period.
 - 3.2.4. The pair with the most combined number of points in the Men's/Women's Singles ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
 - 3.2.5. Randomly sorted by the seeding software.

References:





• ITTF Statutes latest version can always be found here.

[Clause numbers subject to change to respective ones, in case affected by recent updates not yet reflected online]

• ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking Regulations and Lists can be found here.