

# ITTF WORLD TEAM TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS (WTTTC) BUSAN 2024 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

## **INTRODUCTION**

This document outlines the competition structure for the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Busan 2024 (WTTTC), and explains the qualification pathway for each of the continental federations. The WTTTC finals is scheduled for Busan, Korea Rep 16-25 FEB, 2024.

It should be noted that Regional Stage competitions, flowing through Continental Federations, were hosted in 2023, as part of the WTTTC 2024 concept.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE ITTF WTTTC 2024 COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

**Continental Stage – 33 Teams will qualify from the Continental Stage.** The Continental quota allocation is the following: 4 for Africa, 10 for Asia, 11 for Europe, 6 for PanAm, and 2 for Oceania. Numbers are according to the [2020 BoD Proposition 28](#).

**Host nation** - is guaranteed. If the host nation is already qualified through the Continental Stage, the host quota will be reallocated to the ITTF WTR Oct 2023

**Intercontinental Stage** – As per the decision of the ITTF Council, in Bangkok on August 23, 2023, **no Intercontinental Stage will be held in 2023.**

Instead, the remaining six (6) places shall be allocated as follows ;

Five (5) places are transferred to the five continents as follows: **Africa 1, Asia 1, Europe 1, PanAm 1 and Oceania 1** with the final allocation as per qualifying event or Team World Ranking (TWR) to be confirmed by each Continental Federation.

The remaining one (1) place will go to the highest ranked not-yet qualified team on the ITTF WTR November 2023.

**Only Member Associations participating in regional and/or continental qualification will be considered eligible for the Intercontinental quota places.**

## **QUALIFICATION RULES**

The qualification process will be governed, in addition to the [ITTF Handbook](#), by the following rules:

- **Member Association (MA) quota limitation:** each MA should be limited to a maximum of one (1) Team per gender.
- **Confirmation of entries:** 1. ITTF WTR October 2023 to determine the final qualifiers of pending Continental Quota. 2. ITTF Intercontinental quota allocation (1) confirmed based on ITTF WTR November 2023. **3. ITTF Online entries system** to remain open one month from Nov 1 until 1 December 2023 for final entries and confirmation by each qualified team.

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- **Reallocations and cancellations:** If a Member Association withdraws its team(s) from the event or fails to confirm the qualified team(s) the quota(s) will be reallocated from the ITTF WTR December 2023.

More information **on the key replacement timelines to be published in the Prospectus.**

### QUALIFICATION PATHWAY – CONTINENTAL EVENTS

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q3 /4 2024
<b>Events</b>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Continental Events</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-9 September</b> Oceania Championships Australia</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3-10 September</b> Asian Championships Korea Rep</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10-17 September</b> Pan AM Championships Cuba</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11-17 September 2023</b> African Championships Tunisia</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11-17 September 2023</b> European Championships Sweden</p>	<b>Inter- continental ITTF WTR selection</b>	<b>16-25 February</b> ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals Busan, Korea Rep	

**The ITTF wishes all affiliated continental bodies GOOD LUCK with the continental championships and the WTTTC Qualifying process.**

**Let's make sure to have the BEST ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships in history!!**

**See YOU in BUSAN, Korea Republic!**

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## AFRICA

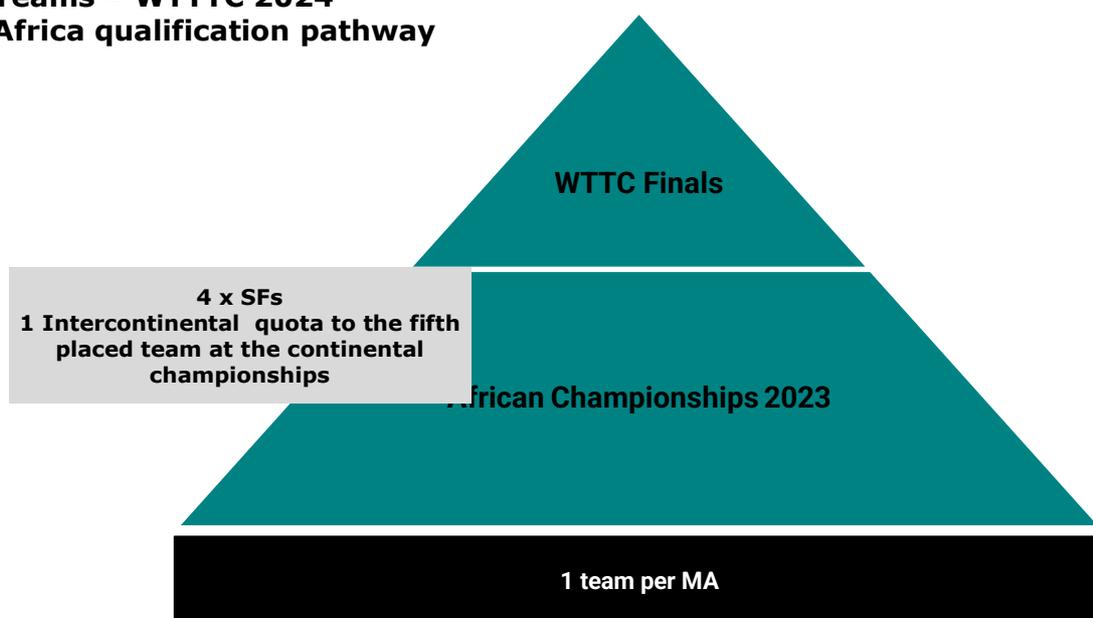
### Quota allocation

The Continental Stage of the WTTTC Busan 2024 for Africa is the 2023 African Championships organized in Tunis, Tunisia 11-17 September 2023.

### Continental Stage and qualification to the Finals

Four (4) teams from Africa qualify through the Continental Stage. The four (4) participating teams from the Semi-finals qualify for the 2024 Team WTTTC Finals. One (1) Intercontinental quota reallocation place will go to the fifth placed team at the continental championships.

### Teams – WTTTC 2024 Africa qualification pathway



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## ASIA

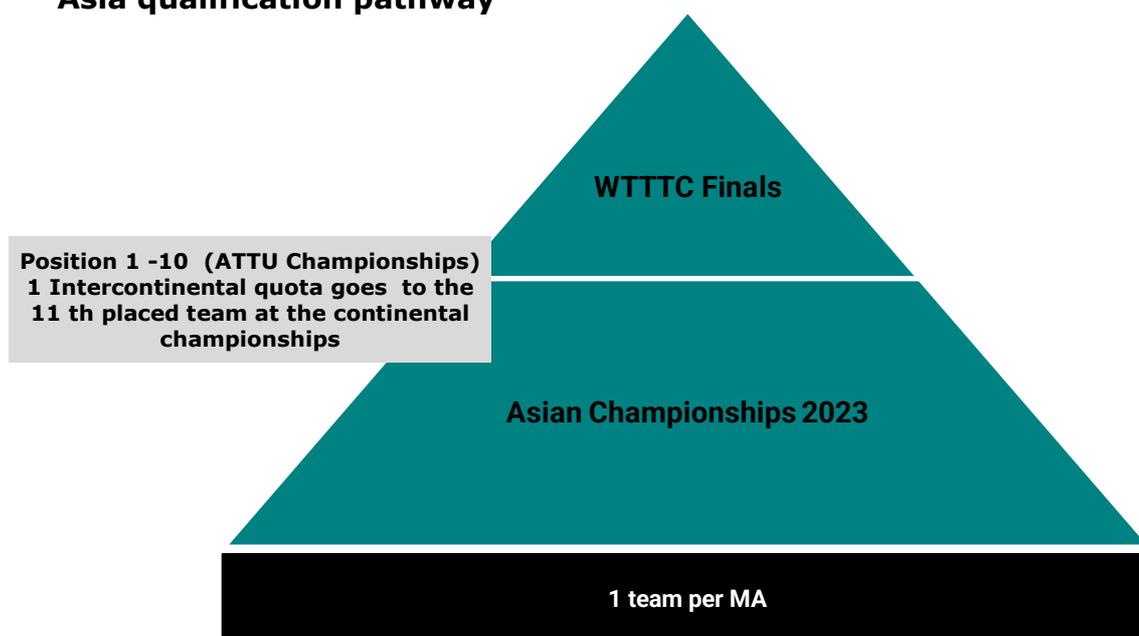
### Quota allocation

The Continental Stage of the WTTTC Busan 2024 for Asia is the 2023 Asian Championships organized in, Pyeong-Chang, Korea Republic 3-10 September 2023.

### Continental Stage and qualification to the Finals

Ten (10) teams from Asia qualify through the Continental Stage. Teams in Position 1-10 qualify to the 2024 Team WTTTC Finals. One (1) Intercontinental quota place to go to the 11 th placed team at the Asian championships.

### Teams – WTTTC 2024 Asia qualification pathway



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## EUROPE

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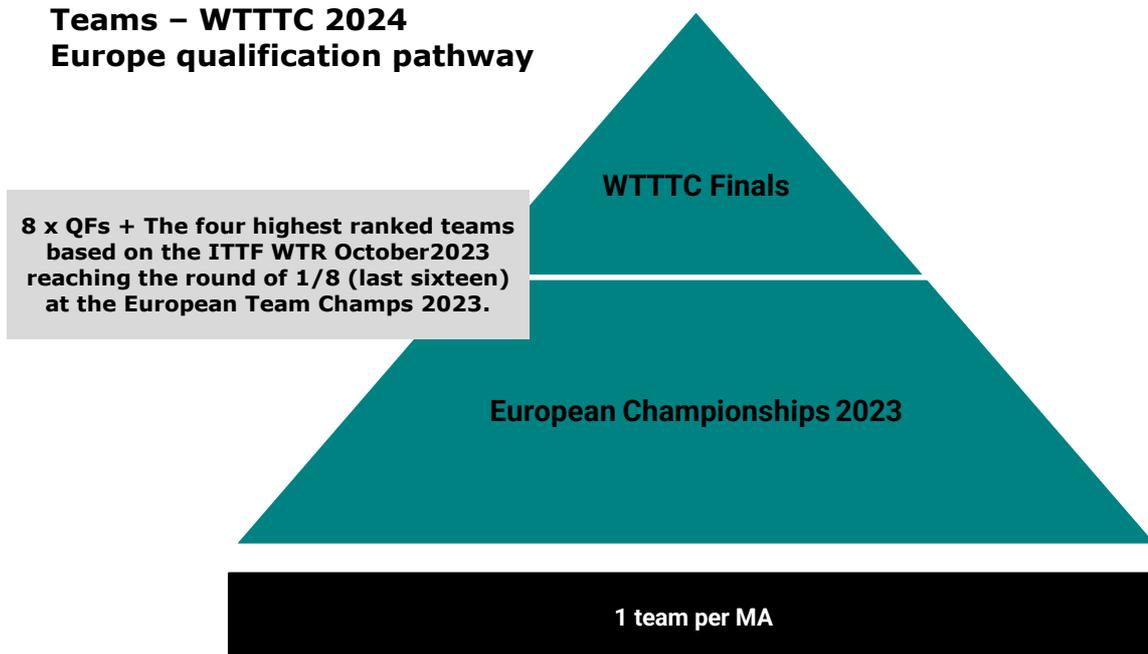
The Continental Stage of the WTTTC Busan 2024 for Europe is the 2023 European Championships held in Malmoe, Sweden 11-17 September 2023

### Continental Stage and qualification to Finals

In total, twelve (11+1) teams from Europe qualify through the Continental Stage.

The eight (8) quarterfinalists of the Continental Stage event qualify automatically, while the remaining four (3+1) quotas should be received by the four highest-ranked teams (according to the ITTF World Team Ranking published in October 2023, **counting only the teams having reached at least the round of 1/8 (Last sixteen) at the European Team Championships in Malmö, Sweden.**

### Teams – WTTTC 2024 Europe qualification pathway



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## AMERICAS - PANAM

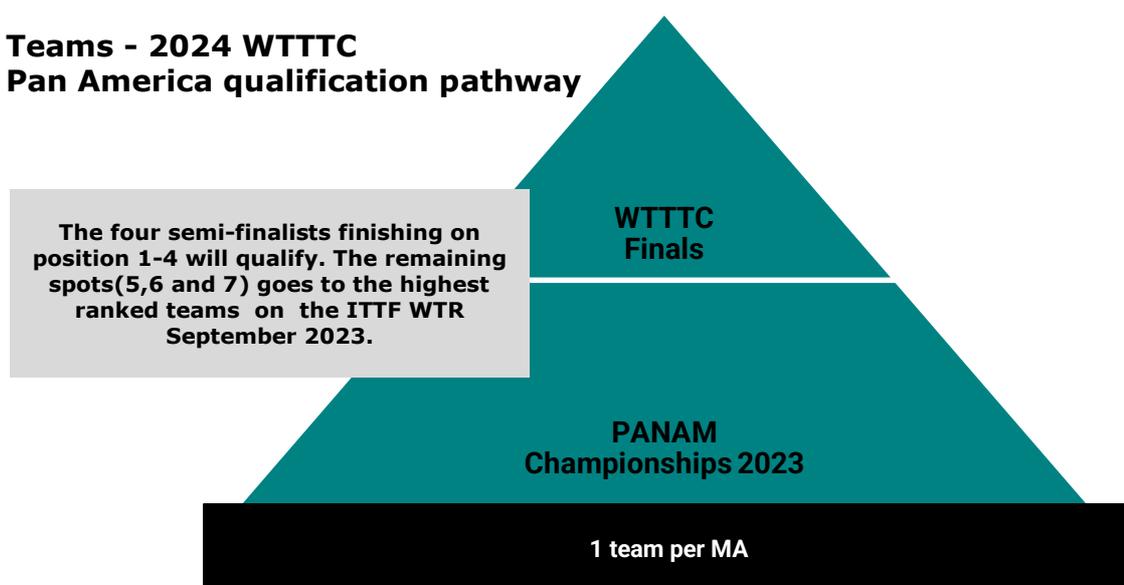
### Quota allocation

The Continental Stage of the WTTTC Busan 2024 for Pan America is the PANAM Championships held in Havana, Cuba 11-17 September 2023

### Continental Stage and qualification to Finals

Six (6) teams from PANAM qualify through the Continental Stage. One (1) continental quota to be added. The four (4) teams advancing to the semi-finals are qualified. The remaining spots (5,6 and 7) goes to the highest ranked teams from the Americas -PAN AM on the ITTF WTR - September 2023.

### Teams - 2024 WTTTC Pan America qualification pathway



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### OCEANIA

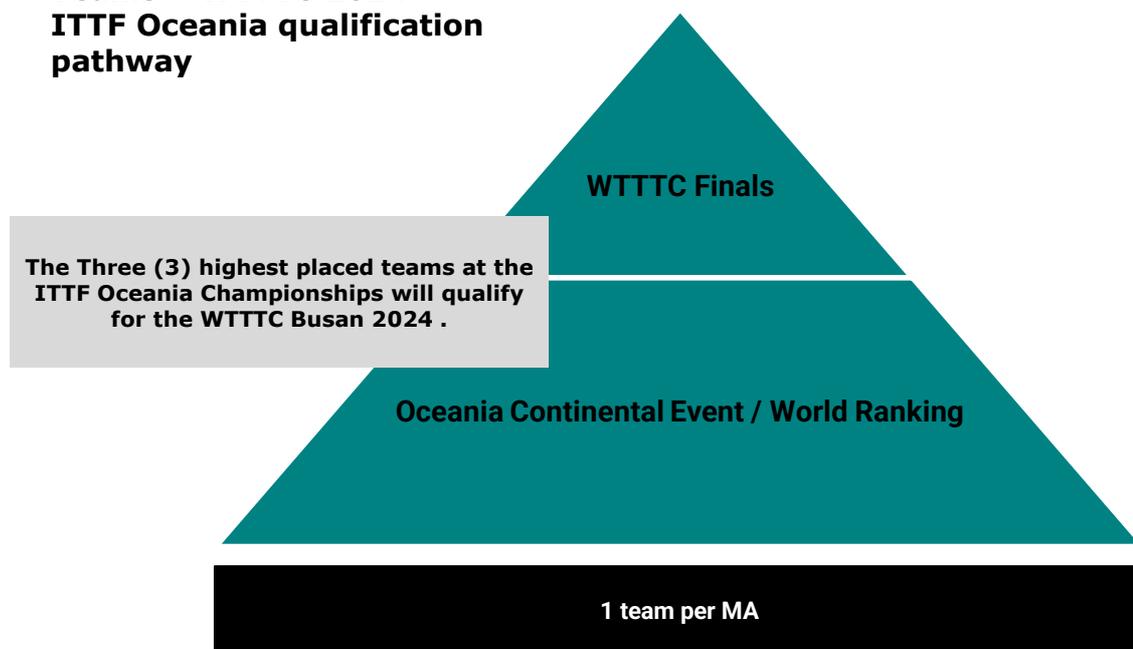
#### Quota allocation

The Continental Stage of the WTTTC Busan 2024 for Oceania is the 2023 ITTF Oceania Championships held in Townsville, Australia 3-9 September 2023

#### Continental Stage and Qualification to the Finals

Two (2) teams from Oceania will qualify through the Continental Stage. The two (2) finalist teams from Oceania will qualify for the 2024 Team WTTTC Finals. The intercontinental quota reallocation (1) will go to the third placed team at the 2023 ITTF Oceania Championships.

#### Teams – WTTTC 2024 ITTF Oceania qualification pathway



#### Disclaimer

Please note that all information set forth in this document is valid at the time of publication on Sunday Oct 1, 2023.