

ITSF WORLD CUP

JANUARY 8th to 11th, 2009 **NANTES, FRANCE**

INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE



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The International Table Soccer Federation and its partners are happy to introduce the

ITSF Table Soccer World Cup 2009

The organization of this event has been delegated to the French table soccer federation – the FFFT.

This new edition of the World Cup will consist of **2 separate team events**: a Men's World Cup and a Women's World Cup.

The 2009 World Cup will also include the World Championships, during which players will compete in **Singles and Doubles** in the following categories: Men, Women, Junior and Senior.

Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that for the first time, players in wheelchairs will compete at the World Championships in the new Disabled Doubles category.



IMPORTANT DATES

WORLD CUP

National federations must confirm that they would like to take part in the World Cup by:

September 30th, 2008

National federations must announce their team members and the choice of the table for each team - the women's team and the Men's team from the same country can choose different tables - by:

November 15th, 2008

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

All national champions must:

- either qualify in the official national qualifying tournament in their country
- OR, if there is no national championship in their country, they must be announced by national federations by:

October 31st, 2008

This is also the deadline for announcing the choice of tables for all players.

When there is no qualifying event in a country, then the selection process must take place under fair, objective and democratic rules.

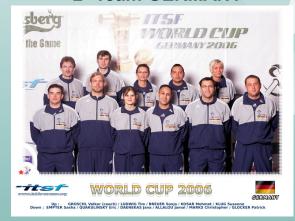


WINNERS of the last WORLD CUP

1- Team AUSTRIA



2- Team GERMANY



3- Team BELGIUM





WINNERS of Last Year's WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Singles Frédéric Collignon (BEL)

MEN



Men's Doubles
Frédéric Collignon / Ismaël Saban (BEL)



JUNIOR

Junior Doubles

David Csar / Kevin Hundstorfer (AUT)





Senior Doubles
Dave Ziemann / Tich Degun (UK) SENIOR



Dave Ziemann (UK)

Senior Singles

WOMEN

Women's Doubles Verena Rohrer / Melissa Mosser (AUT)









TOURNAMENT VENUE

NANTES

Nantes (pop. 550 000) is France's sixth largest city, and the largest city in western France.

Nantes is just 2 hours from Downtown Paris by high speed train (TGV) which runs every hour. Also the TGV runs straight from the Roissy-Charles de Gaulle international airport to Nantes city centre in 3 hours.

Air France, Ryan Air and Easy Jet run daily flights to Nantes from numerous countries.

For more information on Nantes, see www.nantes-tourisme.com



OFFICIAL TABLES













SCHEDULE

Competition Schedule - Opening Ceremony Friday, January 9th at 5:00 PM

Competition	Qualification starts at	Qualified	Elimination starts at	Finals
Men's World Cup	Friday 9 – 6:00 PM	16 teams	Saturday 10 – 6:00 PM	Sunday 11 – 4:00 PM
Women's World Cup	Friday 9 – 6:00 PM	8 teams	Saturday 10 – 6:00 PM	Sunday 11 – 1:00 PM
Men's Singles	Thursday 8 – 9:00 AM	32 players	Thursday 8 – 4:00 PM	Thursday 8 – 11:00 PM
Men's Doubles	Thursday 8 – 1:00 PM	32 teams	Friday 9 – 9:00 AM	Friday 9 – 4:00 PM
Women's Singles	Thursday 8 – 9:00 AM	32 players	Thursday 8 – 4:00 PM	Thursday 8 – 10:00 PM
Women's Doubles	Thursday 8 – 1:00 PM	32 teams	Friday 9 – 9:00 AM	Friday 9 – 3:00 PM
Junior / Senior Singles	Thursday 8 – 9:00 AM	16 players	Thursday 8 – 4:00 PM	Thursday 8 – 9:00 PM
Junior / Senior Doubles	Thursday 8 – 1:00 PM	16 teams	Friday 9 – 9:00 AM	Friday 9 – 2:00 PM
Disabled Doubles	Thursday 8 – 1:00 PM	16 teams	Friday 9 – 9:00 AM	Friday, 9 – 2:00 PM



Weekend schedule

Thursday 8th of January

8:00 am Doors open

9:00 am World Championships begin

0:00 am Doors close

Friday 9th of January

8:00 am Doors open

5:00 pm Opening Ceremony 6:00 pm World Cup begins

0:00 am Doors close

Saturday 10th of January

8:00 am Doors open

10:00 am World Cup qualification continues 6:00 pm World Cup elimination – 2 rounds

0:00 am Doors close

Sunday 11th of January

8:00 am Doors open

10:00 am World Cup elimination continues
1:00 pm Women's World Cup – Final
4:00 pm Men's World Cup – Final

7:00 pm Closing Ceremony



SPORT DRESS AND TABLES

Sport Dress

- Each player must have 4 "national" shirts: one for each day of the event. A jogging suit (top and bottom) is also required of all players.
- The name of the country must be clearly displayed on the players' shirts and jogging suit; players can also add their names and country's flag on their shirts and jogging suits, if they wish.
- Players must wear their national shirt during ceremonies and matches; players who do not abide by this rule will not be allowed to compete. Players are strongly encouraged to wear their national sport dress during the whole event, even if they don't play every day.

Tables

- For the World Championships, qualified players and national champions must choose their table by October 31th at the latest, except when national championships take place later.
- For the World Cup, national federations must announce the choice of the table for each team (the women's team and the Men's team from the same country can choose different tables) by November 15th.
- Players/teams cannot change their choice of table during the tournament. If 2 opponents/teams have chosen the same table, they will play on one table only.

Coach and Delegate

- Each team (Men's and Women's) must designate a team captain among the team players.
- Each team (Men's and Women's) can be accompanied by a coach who will be considered as a non-playing team member; and also by the delegate of the national federation who can not be a team member.
- The captain will represent his/her team; among other things, when 2 teams meet, he/she will do the first coin slip to determine the table side.
- The **coach** (manager/coordinator) will be in charge of making sure the team is well organized such as respecting the schedule of matches, the dress code, etc. He/she will be the intermediary between his/her team and ITSF. If there is no coach, the captain will take on the coach responsibilities.
- The **delegate** will be expected to attend all official meetings.



WORLD CUP FORMAT

• A national team is made up of 8 players (+ 2 reserve players) for the Men's event and 6 players (+2 reserve players) for the Women's event, accompanied by their coaches and the president (or delegate) of the national federation.

It is up to each federation to decide whether they want to send reserve players or not. These reserve players will be able to rotate with regular team members but note that no change of players will be allowed after the players list has been given in, except in case of injury. The minimum number of players allowed in a Men's team is 6 and the minimum in a Women's team is 4.

- Each national team chooses 1 table, and only one, for the whole tournament the 2 teams from the same country can choose different tables.
- Tables are as follows: BONZINI, GARLANDO, ROBERTO SPORT, TECBALL and TORNADO. Even when two teams playing against each other have chosen the same table, no change of tables will be allowed.
- When 2 teams meet, the team captains will flip a coin; the team who wins the flip will choose the side of the table his/her team will play on for ALL the matches against the other team; they must play on the same side on both tables.
- Before each match, players will also flip a coin: the player who wins the flip will choose which table is played first or who gets to serve first. The player who loses the flip has the remaining option.

Qualification matches

- Participating countries will be drawn in groups of 4. In both the Men's and Women's events, teams ranked 1 to 4 in the ITSF World Rankings of Nations will not play in the same group. Moreover, in the Men's event, teams ranked 5 to 8 will not play in the same group either.
- Within a group, each team will meet with the other 3 teams. Only 2 teams in each group will qualify for the next round.
- When 2 teams meet, they will play 8 matches against each other in the Men's event: 4 matches played in Singles and 4 matches played in Doubles (= 16 games).
- In the Women's event, they will play 6 matches: 3 matches played in Singles and 3 matches played in Doubles (= 12 games).

The Singles will be played first, followed by the Doubles; 2 matches will take place at the same time.

See scoresheet for qualification matches on http://www.table-soccer.org/worldcup/team.php

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The names of the players for all the qualification matches will have to be provided at least 2 hours before the opening ceremony and no changes of players will be allowed after that.

- A match consists of 2 games: one game on your table + 1 game on the other team's table.
- A game is won in 7 goals.
- At the end of the 8 matches, points will be granted according to the number of games won by each team:
- when a team has won more than 8 games (6 in the Women's event), it is granted 2 points
- when a team has won 8 games (6 in the Women's event), it is granted 1 point
- when a team has won less than 8 games (6 in the Women's event), it is granted 0 point
- The maximum number of points that can be granted to a team at the end of the qualification process is 6 (2 points x 3 encounters against other teams).
- if 2 teams have scored the same number of points, the team that has won the most games comes first:
- if both teams have won an equal number of games, the team that has the higher goal average comes first;
- if both teams have the same goal average, the team that has scored the most goals comes first. See example below:

Ex: Group A	\							
Ranking	Country	Points	Gai	mes	Go	als	Goal Average	
			WON	LOST	WON	LOST		
1	Team 4	4	40	24	260	150		
2	Team 1	4	30	34	210	210		
3	Team 3	2	20	44	165	289	-124	eliminated
4	Team 2	2	20	44	142	266	-124	eliminated

• At the end of the qualification process, 16 teams in the Men's event and 8 teams in the Women's event will go on to the phase of eliminations.





Elimination matches

See scoresheet for elimination matches on http://www.table-soccer.org/worldcup/team.php

• As with the qualification process, when 2 teams meet, they will play 8 matches against each other in the Men's event (6 in the Women's event): 4 matches played in Singles and 4 matches played in Doubles (3 in the Women's event).

The Singles will be played first, followed by the Doubles.

- A match consists of 2 games: one game on your table + 1 game on the other team's table.
- A game is won in 5 goals.
- The player (pair in Doubles) who wins both games is declared winner.
- In the event of a tie, shorter games of 2 balls each will be played alternately on both tables (2 times); if the scores are still tied (4:4), players will play 1 ball on each table until there is a winner with a 2 point difference.
- If, at the end of the encounter, both teams have won an equal number of matches (4 each in the Men's event; 3 each in the Women's event), an extra match will be played in Doubles to be played by 2 players of each team who have not yet taken part in Singles.

This extra match will consist of 1 game, first to 7, played as follows: 2 balls will be played alternately on both tables (3 times); if the scores are still tied (6:6), players will play 1 ball on each table until there is a winner with a 2 point difference.

Note that there is **no match for Third Place**; instead there will be **2 bronze places**.



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

Qualification matches

- All players (pairs in Doubles) will play qualification matches, except Top Seeds (see below).
- In the Men's Singles/Doubles and Women's' Singles/Doubles categories, only the first 32 players or teams will qualify.
- In the Junior and Senior Singles and Doubles categories, and in the Disabled Doubles category, only the first 16 players or teams will qualify.
- A match is 2 games, one on each player's table, the first to 7 (the 2 points difference rule does **NOT** apply).
- 1 point is awarded for each game won.
- The Top 4 players/teams in the ITSF Men's Singles/Doubles and Women's Singles/Doubles World Rankings will not play qualification matches.
- A coin flip shall precede the start of each match. The player who wins the flip has the choice of table side or first serve. The player who loses the flip has the remaining option.

Elimination matches

- A match is best of 5 games switching table after each game, first to 5 on each game.
- In the event of a tie, shorter games of 2 balls each will be played alternately on both tables (2 times); if the scores are still tied (4:4), players will play 1 ball on each table until there is a winner with a 2 point difference.
- There is **no match for the third place**; instead there will be **2 bronze places** in each category.
- Before each match, players will flip a coin. The player who wins the flip will choose which table is played first.

The player who loses the flip has the choice of table side or first serve.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING CONDITIONS

Top 16 players in Open Singles / Top 8 players in Women's Singles

If a player (male or female) who qualified through the ITSF World Rankings can not make it to the World Championships, the *next highest ranked PLAYER* in the Rankings can go instead – **there will be no travel package for these substitute players**.

Check current rankings on www.table-soccer.org/rankings/

Top players in WCS and International events

There can be no substitute players for these qualified players.

National Champions

As last year, ALL ITSF member federations (regardless of their membership category) are entitled to send their national champions in the following categories (1 player in each Singles category and 1 team in each Doubles category): **Men, Women, Junior and Senior**.

Junior players must have been born in 1990 or after (players born before 1990 are not Juniors)
Senior players must have been born in 1957 or before (players born after 1957 are not Seniors)

All ITSF member federations can also send 1 team in the **new Disabled category** (only in Doubles - there is no Disabled Singles category).

All national champions must have qualified in the official national tournament in their country **OR** be announced by national federations by **October 31st, 2008**, if there is no national championship in their country – **there will be no travel package for these players**.

If a national champion (male or female) can not make it to the World Championships (in Singles or Doubles), the *next highest placing PLAYER in Singles* in the national qualifying event can go instead in the case of Singles.

In the case of Doubles, the *next highest placing TEAM in Doubles* in the national qualifying event can go instead.

If a player automatically qualifies to go to the World Championships because he/she is in the Top 16 in Men's or Top 8 in Women's World Rankings; or he/she has qualified at World Championship Series or International Series events and if this same player is also the national champion of his/her country in their category, that country can send 2 players to the World Championships in that category: the one who qualified automatically plus the runner-up of the national qualifying event.

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Wild Cards

All ITSF Regular Member federations benefit from special Wild Cards to have a second Men's Doubles and second Women's Doubles representing their country - there will be no travel package for these players.

The names of these players will have to be announced by national federations by October **31st**, **2008**. No late submission will be accepted after that date.

□ New this year: all ITSF Regular Member federations benefit from special Wild Cards to also have an extra team of players in the Junior and Senior Doubles categories.

□ New this year: apart from these, ITSF Regular Member federations with a membership of 500 to 1999 licensees benefit from extra Wild Cards in all the Singles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior.

□ New this year: ITSF Regular Member federations with a membership of 2000 licensees or more benefit from yet extra Wild Cards in all Singles and Doubles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior.

	Regular Members	Regular Members	Regular Members
	50 to 499 licensees	500 to 1999 licensees	2000 + licensees
Disabled Doubles	1	1	2
Men's Doubles	1	1	2
Women's Doubles	1	1	2
Junior Doubles	1	1	2
Senior Doubles	1	1	2
Men's Singles	-	1	2
Women's Singles	-	1	2
Junior Singles	-	1	2
Senior Singles	-	1	2



TRAVEL PACKAGES

Qualified players entitled to travel packages

	World Rankings	Word Championship Series event (WCS)	International Series events
Women's Singles	Top 8	Top 1	
Men's Singles	Top 16	Top 3	Top 1
Junior Singles		Top 1	

Travel packages are available for <u>these players ONLY</u> and only when their federation is an <u>ITSF Regular Member</u>.

Each package amounts to € 250 to € 800 depending on country of origin – see below

Continents	Package
Europe	€ 250
Africa	€ 500
North America	€ 700
Asia ; Central and South America ; Oceania	€ 800

The players' packages will be given in Nantes.



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