

INTERNATIONAL TABLE SOCCER FEDERATION

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CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1.1 – Enforcement of the Sports Code

- 1. The Sports Code complements the <u>Statutes</u> and the regulations of the ITSF. It must be applied in all World Championships events and official tournaments recognized by or concerning the ITSF, subject to specific provisions or contrary arrangements as accepted by the ITSF Executive Committee.
- 2. The cases that are not foreseen by the Sports Code or cases of force majeure shall be settled by the official delegate and/or tournament director of the federation organizing the event. These persons also make decisions in cases of force majeure.

Art. 1.2 - Patronage

- 1. Official events take place under the patronage of the ITSF and according to its regulations.
- 2. The organization of these events will be entrusted to an affiliated federation which, in turn, can pass it on to one of its clubs or other partner. However, the candidate federation shall be sole responsible towards the ITSF for a smooth running of the competition and it also shall take on the possible risks linked to event, whether financial or other.
- 3. Should it choose to, the ITSF may, under its own responsibility, organize an official event within the boundaries of the federations or not, either directly or in collaboration with a body recognized by the ITSF and in whichever location it chooses.

Art. 1.3 – Players admitted into competitions

- 1. Official competitions are strictly reserved to ITSF licensees. Only players recognized by the ITSF can take part in ITSF competitions, in accordance with the current statutory provisions (i.e. players holding a licence). The age limitations for Junior and Senior players are set by the ITSF Executive Committee.
- 2. ITSF may grant an International licence to a player who lives in a country where there is no National Federation member of the ITSF and wish to participate in official competitions (see Administrative Rules).
- 3. The rules of nationality are defined in the <u>Administrative Rules</u>.

Art. 1.4 – Competition categories and tournament formats

1. For an official event to be organized, the required regulations must first be approved by the Sports Commission. (see annexe 3)

Art. 1.5 - Refereeing

1.It is the responsibility of the federation in the country where the competition takes place to take all required measures to provide refereeing in accordance with the regulations recognized by the ITSF, and to provide the organizer with the competent referees needed.

Art. 1.6 – Admissible applications

1. Only federation member of ITSF can organize official competitions



- 2. Only a federation which complies with its obligations towards the ITSF may present an application to organize an official event or send players to such an event. (see annexe 3 for more details relating to the tournament categories and quotas).
- 3. A competitor who has been suspended by his/her federation cannot take part in any competition of the ITSF Tour.

Art. 1.7 – Choice of equipment

- 1. To organize an official event, the federations are free to use any game equipment, within the list of ITSF sanctioned and authorized manufacturers and equipment. This is subject to the respect of eventual sponsorship or exclusivity contracts involving the ITSF.
- 2. The ITSF acknowledges all tables from all over the world on which table football is played. However, it has set up 3 specific table categories which meet precise criteria and which enable them to benefit from particular rights, such as being the table on which an international competition is played. These 3 categories are: Official Tables, Recognized Tables and Continentals Tables.
- 3. All the ITSF tournaments may be organized ONLY on these tables. See <u>ITSF website</u> in Partner section.
- 4. It is forbidden to use material which is not authorized or not sanctioned by the ITSF. List of manufacturer partner is available on ITSF website www.tablesoccer.org in partners section.

Art. 1.8 - Classification of sanctioned official events:

- 1. Championships and official tournaments are divided into seven categories, which constitute the ITSF World Tour:
 - International tournaments (Open)
 - World Championships Series
 - Continental Championships (individual) / Continental Cups (teams) /League (teams)
 - Masters (Individual)
 - Intercontinental Cup (teams)
 - World Championships (individual)
 - World Cup (teams)

Open international tournaments are themselves subdivided into three categories organized hierarchically as follows:

- Level 1 = ITSF International Series (highest level)
- Level 2 = ITSF Master Series
- Level 3 = ITSF Pro Tour (lowest level)

See annexe 3 for more details relating to the different tournament categories and their characteristics.

Art. 1.9 – National championships

1. The ITSF does not interfere with the organization of national championships. However, federations must communicate the results of all competitions held in national championships (individual) and national leagues (teams). For Continental Cups qualification, national championships and national leagues results must be sent to the ITSF Sport commission for approval and must be available online on its respective confederation website.



Art. 1.10 – Ownership and denomination of sanctioned championships

- 1. As the ITSF Statutes and regulations are its work and property, official events which are played under these Statutes and regulations are also the exclusive property of the ITSF.
- 2. Federations which organize official events must indicate properly 'under the aegis of the ITSF' on all official documents (posters, schedules and other printed or digital material). To insert the name of the main sponsor into the title of the competition, a written agreement of the ITSF is necessary.

Art. 1.11 Game Rules

All competitions under the aegis of the ITSF must be conducted according to the <u>Game Rules</u> established by the <u>Rules Commission</u>.

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CHAPTER 2: APPLICATIONS, ATTRIBUTIONS, INVITATIONS

Art. 2.1 – Sports calendar

- 1. ITSF Sport calendar starts on January, 1st and ends on December 31st (12 months). The <u>sport</u> <u>calendar</u> is updated and published on ITSF Website
- 2. The Executive Committee will review and vote on the tournament requests submitted by ITSF member federations in order to plan the ITSF Tour calendar.
- 3. A date which has been assigned may only be changed exceptionally and on condition that the Executive Committee of ITSF gives its permission.

Art. 2.2 – Tournament requests

- 1. Tournament requests must be sent to the ITSF Sports Commission, at the latest at a date permitting to comply with the various deadlines set by the current regulation. (See annexe 3)
- 2. No competition may be organized without permission.
- 4. Any application to organize an event must be submitted online using the member federations' personal access on the ITSF website www.table-soccer.org

Art. 2.3 – Event location

- 1. The place where ITSF tournaments take place must be closed to hotels and international airports and in tourist centres or, at least, sizeable towns with businesses and shops proper to satisfy players' needs when they are not playing as well as those of the persons accompanying them.
- 2. The ITSF Executive Committee is solely competent to accept or refuse the place chosen for hosting one of these events.
- 3. If the location where the event is to take place is not definitely secured when submitting the tournament request, the permission will be granted subject to the acceptance of the chosen place.
 - If necessary, the federation organizing the event will submit to the ITSF Executive Committee any useful information concerning the chosen venue. If it applies, a member of the Executive Committee or a person it has appointed may be asked to visit the site, at the organizer's expenses.
- 4. The distance between the playing venue and the places where players, foreign delegations and ITSF official delegates will stay shall not exceed a 20-minute walk. If it does, a regular transport service shall be organized, for free or for a small fee.

Art. 2.4 – Granting of an official competition

- 1.In order to be granted the organization of an official event, the federation submitting the request must pay a tournament sanctioning fee to the ITSF. This fee must be paid before the opening date of the competition (fees differ depending on the categories of events, see annexe 3); if the fee is not paid, the competition shall be removed from the calendar of events. In any case, this fee must be paid to and remains the property of the ITSF even if later and for whatever reason the competition is not held.
- 2. The organizer of an ITSF official event is solely responsible for the cancellation and its consequences.



CHAPTER 3: RANKING, COMPETITION PROCESS

Art. 3.1 - Ranking

1. Each year the Sport Commission will determine the point allocation system for the Nations world rankings and individual world rankings, for the following year.

See annexes relating to the 'Nations Ranking System' (annexe 1) and 'Individual World Ranking System' (annexe 2)

Art. 3.2 - Registration

- 1. Each tournament category have specific registration rules. Please refer to each specific tournament information package via ITSF website in the tournament section.
- 2. Registration fees are due immediately after registering, even if the player does not take part in the competition. Not showing up in the competitions after registering may be followed by other negative consequences.

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CHAPTER 4: FAILURE TO APPEAR, FORFEITURE, EXPULSION, TRANSGRESSION

Art. 4.1 – Seeded players failing to appear

1. During a competition that includes seeded players, if one of them doesn't attend the beginning of the competition, the official delegate of the ITSF or tournament director, after consulting with the delegate of the organizing federation, fills in the vacancy at his/her discretion up to the required number of players.

Art. 4.2 - Expulsion

- 1. If a player is expelled from a competition, all the matches played as well as future matches are cancelled. Technical results of played and cancelled matches will not be taken into account for the rankings.
- 2. In case a player is expelled during the competition, his/her compensation payment is fully cancelled. This also applies to money awards. If it applies, the amounts already paid to the player shall be reimbursed.

Art. 4.3 - Forfeiture

1. Any player who doesn't finish a match shall lose that match as forfeit.

Art. 4.4 - Transgression

- 1. The following are considered to be transgressions towards the Statutes and the regulations and are treated as such by the Sport Commission, when a player
 - does not respect the regulations in effect;
 - does not pay his/her registration fees;
 - fails to appear at the beginning of a competition;
 - withdraws from one or several matches;
 - is expelled from a competition.



CHAPTER 5: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ORGANIZATION

Art. 5.1 – Referees' and players' attire, wearing advertisements for brands

- 1. The referees' dress code is set by the <u>Rules Commission</u>. It must be identical for all referees. It must include a shoulder patch specifying the referee's level (see annexe 5).
- 3. The players' clothing attire is compulsory. Please refer to ITSF dress code.
- 4. Any player or referee, who is not respecting the dress code, after the tournament director made the remark to him/her, may be excluded from the competition.
- 5. In an official event, the right of the players to wear brand advertisements exclusively belongs to the ITSF. The players or federations who wish to wear such advertising must personally and directly inform and apply to the ITSF.

Art. 5.2 – Smoking and alcohol

- 1. Neither players nor referees can smoke or drink alcohol in the playing area with their sport dress attire during the competition.
- 2. Any player or referee, who breaks the provisions of the present article, after the tournament director made the remark to him/her, may be excluded from the competition.

Art. 5.3 – Anti-doping struggle

1. Any player taking part in a competition organized by, recognized by or relating to the ITSF, as well as any person giving their support in the interest of that player, is under the obligation of respecting the instructions and prescriptions to be enforced in the field of anti-doping struggle, which form the subject of particular rules: the Anti-Doping Rules.

Art. 5.4 – Match schedule, players' commitment

1. The event organizer shall take all necessary measures for the match schedule to be respected. He/she will check that the matches start and finish at suitable times so that players can rest sufficiently, especially at night time.



CHAPTER 6: MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

Art. 6.1 – Broadcasting rights

- 1. All the advertising rights on television and in the media belong to the ITSF. For each particular case, an arrangement may be made with the organizer if he/she considers it necessary.
- 2. Precautions must be taken in order to not disturb the players when playing, in particular with regards to noise or light under no circumstances
- Players taking part in any competition organized under the aegis of the ITSF cannot claim any right on their image. Player may refuse to be filmed and he/she shall not express demands of any kind.
- 4. When the competition is broadcast on television, the organizer informs the ITSF, as soon as he/she finds out, about the broadcasting channel, and day and time of the broadcast.

Art. 6.2 – Press and audience information

- 1. In the interest of the ITSF and event organizer, the publication of the event shall be made in the international, national and local press. The ITSF will advertise the tournament worldwide.
- 2. Contacts shall be made with all local and national media, at least 3 times and 3 months before the beginning of the competition. The organizer may ask the ITSF to make these contacts and, in this case, it shall send to the ITSF a complete list of the media to be contacted and a press release in English and in the language of the host country to be circulated.
- 3. The organizers shall make sure that they have an important number of photos of high (professional) quality at the end of the tournament, showing general aspects of the competition but mostly of players getting medals on the podium and sending them to ITSF (info@tablesoccer.org)
- 4. The organizer shall ensure local and, if possible, national publicity of the tournament through a poster advertising campaign.
- 5. Invitations

The following people shall be invited:

- sponsors;
- partners;
- media:
- prominent political figures of the country: the President of the country, high sports authorities, the National Olympic Committee, regional and local authorities, the town mayor, important sports organizations that are established in the tournament's close surroundings;
- possibly schools and other educational establishments;



CHAPTER 7: ITSF TOURNAMENT SPECIFICATIONS

In this part, you will find below the basic specification for the smooth running of official ITSF tournaments. Please contact ITSF office (info@tablesoccer.org) for specifications about World Cup, World Championship Series, Masters, Intercontinental Cup and Continental Cup events.

Art. 7.1 – General Principle

- 1. Any national federation which is a Regular Member of the ITSF may organize official ITSF tournaments (See Annexe 3). Associate member can organize Only Masters and Pro tour.
- 2. Application to organize an event must be submitted online using the member federations' personal access on the ITSF website www.table-soccer.org (see submitting form in annex 4).
- 3. The organizer must appointed a staff including enough persons to take care of the different tasks relating to the tournament, in particular for:
 - the registration table (Fast manager, Call & Recall, Tables management, Final arenas & scoring, ceremonies, merchandising, hygiene, medical etc...)
 - the head official for all refereeing aspects
 - running national teams competitions (if applicable)
 - technical performances (video, sound, light...),
 - the communication before, during and after the event
 - welcoming players and spectators,
 - welcoming journalists, VIPs, media, prominent political figures, partners, sponsors...,
 - the catering area,
 - transport, hotel booking management
- 4. Tournament Director (TD) shall be appointed by the organizers in order to simplify communication between the organizer and ITSF.
- 5. The 'Specifications' are a convention signed between the organizing federation and the ITSF. If the organizing federation does not comply with one of the clauses, it may be refused the attribution of the tournament by the Sport Commission on the following year, with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- 6. TD is responsible for the smooth running of the tournament
- 7. The official ITSF software ('FAST') will be made available to the organizing party. Only this data processing tool shall be used for any WCS and higher level tournament. The organizer, for its part, shall have to provide the necessary equipment for this software to work properly.
- 8. The results shall be forwarded to the ITSF within 48 hours at the most after the end of the tournament. In case the organizer broadcasts the results live on the web, he/she shall supply the corresponding web link to the ITSF.



Art. 7.2 – Technical Aspects

So as to ensure the players an optimum quality as far as game conditions are concerned, the organizers must necessarily respect the following technical conditions:

1. The sport venue:

The venue must have the minimum space and material for the smooth running of the tournament (contact ITSF for more details on the specifications).

2. Internet access:

The organizer of an official competition must have internet access for publishing the live results on ITSF website and make its possible to provide live streaming.

3. Decoration:

The venue will have enough decorative elements such as plants, floor mats for players and spectators to walk on, welcome banners, flags representing the ITSF, the organizing country, the countries taking part in the competition....

4. Comfort:

Optimum comfort conditions have to be supplied to participants and to the spectators.

5. Lighting:

A minimum of 400-LUX on floor are necessary to ensure a satisfactory visibility for players and spectators

6. Podium and official ceremonies:

A sufficient area shall be dedicated to official ceremonies.

7. Public address system:

The venue must be fitted with a public address system (amplifier, micro). The quality of this system must enable the organizers to announce matches and all necessary information to players and spectators.

8. Playing tables:

Depending on the number of pre-registered players, the organizer shall make sure that there are enough tables to meet the schedule of matches.

9. Final arenas:

The organizer must fit out a 'finals area' within the playing area. It will be essentially dedicated to the matches of national teams (if applicable) and to important matches of the final stage.

10. Video:

As a minimum, 2 colour TV screens (minimum 51 cm) and a camera will be supplied by the organization to ensure the broadcasting of important matches (in the finals area). Organizer should make its possible to have stable and working live streaming.

11. Insurance:

The venue and the players must be insured by the organizer of the tournament.

Art. 7.3 - Speeches

- 1. During the official reception, the following people may speak:
 - the President of the organizing federation or his/her representative;
 - the tournament director (and official delegate of the ITSF)
 - any other person invited to do so by the organizer, while respecting the event schedule.



Art. 7.4 – Opening and Award ceremony

- 1. The opening ceremony will take place in the competition venue.
- 2. The organizing federation's President, his/her representative or another prominent person may pronounce a few words of welcome to the participants and winners.
- 3. The organizing federation must speak in one of the official languages of the ITSF and/or in the language of the host country.
- 4. The organizing federation must present all participating national federation and/or teams during the opening ceremony with their respective national anthem (if it applies).
- 5. The organizing federation must announce the medallists and present the award to the winners at the end of the competition according to the schedule.

Art. 7.5 – Official clinic

1. The head official, in accordance with TD, must ensure to organize an official clinic during the event.



CHAPTER 8: FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 8.1 - Transgressions, discipline and appeal

1. Any transgression of the present rules during ITSF tournaments will be treated in accordance with the provisions relating to disciplinary action contained in the Disciplinary Rules of the ITSF (see <u>Disciplinary Rules</u>).

Art. 8.2 - Abiding by the Statutes and scope of the Code

- 1. The present rules are enacted by the Executive Committee and the Sport Commission of the ITSF, on the basis of the statutory provisions in effect.
- 2. The affiliated federations, recognized confederations, associations and clubs affiliated to member federations, and contract partners commit themselves to abide by them and have them enforced.

Art. 8.3 - Safeguard clause

1. If any change/addition proves to be necessary in the short term, the ITSF Executive Committee or the ITSF Delegate or the Tournament Director on site will make the decisions until the changes are made. These decisions are transitively valid.

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ANNEXE 1: NATIONS WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

1. Ranking system

1) General Rankings

- Points earned by national teams at the World Cup and Friendly Matches- see chart below
- + 8 best Men players of each nation (Open Singles and Open Doubles ITSF competitions)
- + 6 best Women players of each nation (Women's Singles and Women's Doubles ITSF competitions)
- + 3 best Junior players of each nation (Junior Singles and Junior Doubles ITSF competitions)
- + 3 best Senior players of each nation (Senior Singles and Senior Doubles ITSF competitions)

2) Men's Rankings

- Points earned by national Men's teams at the World Cup and Friendly Matches see chart below
- + 8 best Men players of each nation (Open Singles and Open Doubles ITSF competitions)

3) Women's Ranking

- Points earned by national Women's teams at the World Cup and Friendly Matches- see chart below
- +6 best Women players of each nation (Women's Singles and Women's Doubles ITSF competitions)

4) Junior Rankings

- Points earned by national Junior teams at the World Cup and Friendly Matches- see chart below
- + 3 best Junior players of each nation (Junior Singles and Junior Doubles ITSF competitions)

5) Senior Ranking

- Points earned by national Senior teams at the World Cup and Friendly Matches see chart below
- + 3 best Senior players of each nation (Senior Singles and Senior Doubles ITSF competitions)



Points earned at World Cup (WCup), Friendly Matches (FM), Continental Cup (CC) and National Team Competitions (NTC) events

- ONLY WCup and FM (2 maximum*) count for World Ranking
- ONLY CC and NTC count for Continental Ranking

Rank	WCup	FM*	CC	NTC**
1	3000	500	3000	1500
2	2600	200	2600	1300
3	2200	-	2200	1100
4	1800	-	1800	900
5-8	1400	-	1400	700
9-16	1000	-	1000	500
17-32	600	-	600	300

^{*} FRIENDLY MATCHES: Each federation can organize as many friendly matches during the year but only 2 maximum matches will count for the World Ranking. Friendly Matches can be organize during any official ITSF events or just special show.

Organizer MUST announce each Friendly Match to ITSF 1 month before and publish the result 48 hours after at the latest.

** NTC events can be organize ONLY during World Series or International Series

Competitions Format Options:

- World Cup and Friendly Matches: 2 options
 - o **6 players**: ABCDEF AB* / C / DE* / F / AC* / D / BF* / E First to 40 points with 2 points difference max 41 – tie 40/40 in qualification and penalty in elimination
 - * Match is played on home table (host country), if AB play again it will be on away table.
 - 4 players: ABCD AB* / CD / A* / C / BD* / AC
 First to 30 points with 2 points difference max 31 tie 30/30 in qualification and penalty in elimination
 - * Match is played on home table (host country), if AB play again it will be on away table.

2. Nation world ranking update

Nation World ranking run over a 12 months period.

- Rankings will be updated after each tournament of the ITSF World Tour and results will be valid for the next 12 months.
- Note that results of a tournament replace the results of that same tournament from the year before only for World Championship Series.

You can view the NATION WORLD RANKINGS on ITSF website

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Country Abbreviation Codes

Country	Code
Afghanistan	AFG
Albania	ALB
Algeria	DZA
American Samoa	ASM
Andorra	AND
Angola	AGO
Antigua and Barbuda	ATG
Argentina	ARG
Armenia	ARM
Aruba	ABW
Australia	AUS
Austria	AUT
Azerbaijan	AZE
Bahamas	BHS
Bahrain	BHR
Bangladesh	BGD
Barbados	BRB
Belarus	BLR
Belgium	BEL
Belize	BLZ
Benin	BEN
Bermuda	BMU
Bhutan	BTN
Bolivia	BOL
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BIH
Botswana	BWA
Brazil	BRA
British Virgin Islands	VGB
Brunei Darussalam	BRN
Bulgaria	BGR
Burkina Faso	BFA
Burundi	BDI
Cambodia	кнм
Cameroon	CMR
Canada	CAN
Cape Verde	CPV
Cayman Islands	CYM
Central African Republic	CAF
Chad	TCD
Chile	CHL
China	CHN
Colombia	COL
Comoros	СОМ
Congo	COG
Cook Islands	сок
Costa Rica	CRI
Côte d'Ivoire	CIV
Croatia	HRV
Cuba	CUB
Cyprus	СҮР
Czech Republic	CZE

Country	Code
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	PRK
Democratic Republic of the Congo	COD
Denmark	DNK
Djibouti	DJI
Dominica	DMA
Dominican Republic	DOM
Ecuador	ECU
Egypt	EGY
El Salvador	SLV
Equatorial Guinea	GNQ
Eritrea	ERI
Estonia	EST
Ethiopia	ETH
Fiji	FJI
Finland	FIN
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	FRA
France	GAB
Gabon	GMB
Gambia	GEO
	DEU
Georgia	
Germany	GHA
Ghana	GBR
Greece	GRC
Grenada	GRD
Guam	GUM
Guatemala	GTM
Guinea	GIN
Guinea-Bissau	GNB
Guyana	GUY
Haiti	HTI
Honduras	HND
Hong Kong	HKG
Hungary	HUN
Iceland	ISL
India 	IND
Indonesia	IDN
Iran	IRN
Iraq	IRQ
Ireland	IRL
Israel	ISR
ltaly	ITA
Jamaica	JAM
Japan	JPN
Jordan	JOR
Kazakhstan	KAZ
Kenya	KEN
Kiribati	KIR
Kuwait	KWT
Kyrgyzstan	KGZ
Lao People's Democratic Republic	LAO
Latvia	LVA



Country	Code
Lebanon	LBN
Lesotho	LSO
Liberia	LBR
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	LBY
Liechtenstein	LIE
Lithuania	LTU
Luxembourg	LUX
Madagascar	MDG
Malawi	MWI
Malaysia	MYS
Maldives	MDV
Mali	MLI
Malta	MLT
Marshall Islands	MHL
Mauritania	MRT
Mauritius	MUS
Mexico	MEX
Micronesia, Federated States of	FSM
Monaco	мсо
Mongolia	MNG
Morocco	MNE
Mozambique	MAR
Myanmar	MOZ
Namibia	MMR
Nauru	NAM
Nepal	NRU
Netherlands	NPL
Netherlands Antilles	NLD
New Zealand	NZL
Nicaragua	NIC
Niger	NER
Nigeria	NGA
Norway	NOR
Occupied Palestinian Territory	PSE
Oman	OMN
Pakistan	PAK
Palau	PLW
Panama	PAN
Papua New Guinea	PNG
Paraguay	PRY
Peru	PER
Philippines	PHL
Poland	POL
Portugal	PRT
Puerto Rico	PRI
Qatar	QAT
Republic of Korea	KOR
Republic of Moldova	MDA
Romania	ROU
Russian Federation	RUS
Rwanda	RWA

Country	Code
Saint Kitts and Nevis	SKN
Saint Lucia	LCA
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	VIN
Samoa	SAM
San Marino	SMR
Sao Tome and Principe	STP
Saudi Arabia	KSA
Senegal	SEN
Serbia	SRB
Seychelles	SEY
Sierra Leone	SLE
Singapore	SIN
Slovakia	SVK
Slovenia	SLO
Solomon Islands	SOL
Somalia	SOM
South Africa	RSA
Spain	ESP
Sri Lanka	SRI
Sudan	SUD
Suriname	SUR
Swaziland	SWZ
Sweden	SWE
Switzerland	SUI
Syrian Arab Republic	SYR
Taiwan	TWA
Tajikistan	TJK
Thailand	THA
Timor-Leste	TLS
Togo	TOG
Tonga	TGA
Trinidad and Tobago	TRI
Tunisia	TUN
Turkey	TUR
Turkmenistan	TKM
Uganda	UGA
Ukraine	UKR
United Arab Emirates	UAE
United Kingdom	GBR
United Republic of Tanzania	TAN
United States of America	USA
United States Virgin Islands	ISV
Uruguay	URU
Uzbekistan	UZB
Vanuatu	VAN
Venezuela	VEN
Viet Nam	VIE
Yemen	YEM
Zambia	ZAM
Zimbabwe	ZIM
(unknown country)	XXX



ANNEXE 2: INDIVIDUAL WORLD RANKING SYSTEM

1. Categories in Singles and Doubles events

- ➤ MEN/WOMEN: between 18 and 49 years old on December 31st of the year that the touring season starts
- **JUNIOR: under 18 years old** on December 31st of the year that the touring season starts
- **SENIOR:** 50 years old and older on December 31st of the year that the touring season starts

2. For a competition's results to be valid, a minimum number of registered players/teams in that competition is needed

Competition Category

Minimum number of players/teams

> ALL SINGLES EVENTS

4

> ALL DOUBLES EVENTS

3

3. Ranking system: Official and/or Speedball and/or Classic

Only the 7 best singles and the 7 best doubles results of the ongoing season and for each player will count for their rankings.

Points are allocated as follows: (whatever the format is)

Place	World Series	International	Master Series ¹	Pro Tour ¹
1	200	150	100	50
2	180	135	90	45
3	160	120	80	40
4	140	105	70	35
5	120	90	60	30
9	100	75	50	25
17	80	60	40	20
33	60	45	30	15
65	40	30	20	10
129	20	15	10	5
257	12	9	6	3
513	4	3	2	1

¹Bonus for Master Series and Pro Tour ONLY:

Click **HERE** to see the qualifying conditions for the World Championships

^{- 20%} additional points in Open or Men categories if there are more than 100 players (50 Doubles)

^{- 20%} additional points in Women, Junior or Senior categories if there are more than 30 players (15 Doubles)



Assigning ranks to players with the same number of points:

- ➤ In case 2 players or more have the same number of points, a different rank will be assigned to them, by calculating the number of competitions he participated the most.
- > If 2 or more players are still tied after this, then the player who has earned the most points in one single competition will be ranked higher.

4. Players world ranking update

Players World ranking Nation run over a 12 month period.

- Rankings will be updated after each tournament of the ITSF World Tour and results will be valid for the next 12 months.
- ➤ Note that results of a tournament replace the results of that same tournament from the year before only for World Championship Series.

5. Total points vs. Current points

Total of points displayed in each player's profile shows the amount of <u>points earned over the last 12 months</u>. This makes it possible to seed players for each ITSF tournaments.

However, for players' convenience, the Rankings also display **Current points**. These indicate the total <u>number of points earned by the player in the current Tour (January 1st to Dec. 31)</u>. Similarly, the Rank number displayed beside the current points indicates the **Current rank** of the player.

You can view the WORLD RANKINGS ITSF website



ANNEXE 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE ITSF TOUR

ITSF Tour: tournament categories and levels

There are 7 different types of events, as follows:

- World Championships (individual)
- World Cup (teams)
- Intercontinental Cups
- Continental Championships (individual) / Continental Cups (teams) / League (teams)
- 4 levels of International open events (highest to lowest):
 - World Championship Series (Individual and teams)
 - o International
 - Master Series
 - o Pro Tour

Each ITSF Federations members cannot organize more masters series than pro tour during the same sport season.

The characteristics and restrictions of each tournament category and level are explained in the charts below.

1) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ITSF members who can organize that event	Regular members
ITSF tournament sanctioning fees	€ 5 000

2) WORLD CUP

ITSF members who can organize that event	Regular members
ITSF tournament sanctioning fees	€ 10 000

3) CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP/CUP/LEAGUE

ITSF members who can organize that event	Regular members
ITSF tournament sanctioning fees	€ 5 000
Specific rules	Maximum 1 in each continental zone

4) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

ITSF members who can organize that event	Regular members
Points allocated for World Ranking ¹	150
ITSF tournament sanctioning fees	€ 2 000
Specific rules	Maximum 1 on each Official Table

⁽¹⁾ Basis for indication = points allocated to winners



5) INTERNATIONAL SERIES

ITSF members who can organize that event	Regular members
Points allocated for World Ranking	100
ITSF tournament sanctioning fees	€ 500
Restrictions by continent (Africa, Asia and	- 1 International tournament on each
Oceania, Europe, North America, Central and	continent with an Official Table not represented
South America)	in the continent with a WCS
	- Asia-Oceania zone: 2 International events
	- South America Zone : 2 International events
	- North America Zone : 2 International events

6) MASTER SERIES

ITSF members who can organize that event	Any member (Regular or Associate)
Points allocated for World Ranking	70
ITSF tournament sanctioning fees	€ 300

7) PRO TOUR

ITSF members who can organize that event	Any member (Regular or Associate)
Points allocated for World Ranking	35
ITSF tournament sanctioning fees	€ 150

Tournament requests have to be submitted at least:

- 45 days for a Pro Tour
- 60 days for a Master Series and International Series
- 90 days for World Championship Series

This will insure that ITSF has time to submit the events to the EC vote and officially announce events on time for the smooth running and promotion of the event.

ITSF may not accepted the tournament submitted and/or sanction federation/organiser if this delay is not respected

Tournament requests for World Cup & World Championships, Intercontinental Cup, Masters et Continental cups must be sent directly to info@tablesoccer.org

Tournament sanctioning fees have to be paid before their scheduled date.

REMINDER: Results must be sent to ITSF by e-email within 48 hours after the end of the tournament. ITSF may sanction federation/organiser if this delay is not respected.

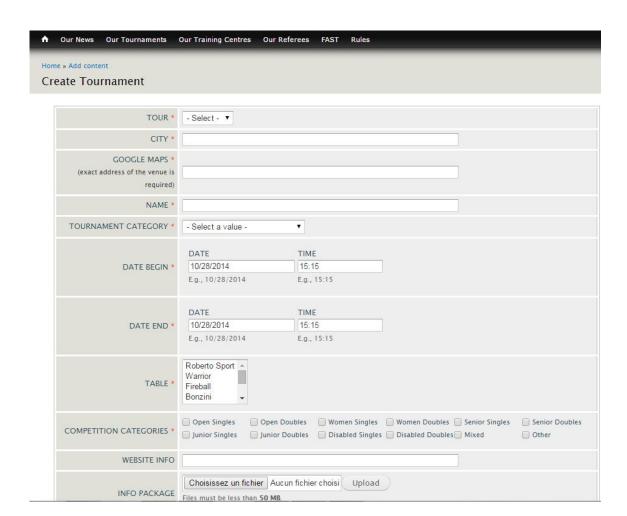


ANNEXE 4: TOURNAMENT REQUEST – APPLICATION FORM

Each member federation can submit tournaments in the ITSF Tour by filling in the application form available from their personal page on the ITSF website www.table-soccer.org.

. The application to submit an event in the ITSF Tour must contain the following:

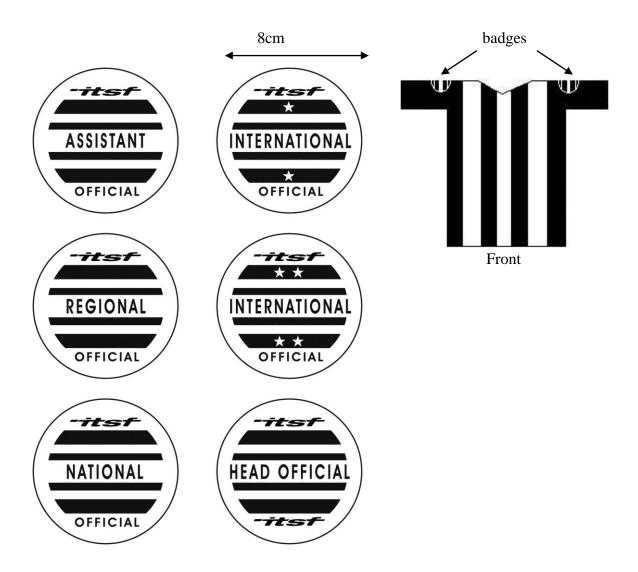
- the year concerned;
- the location of the competition (Continent + Country + City name + exact google map link)
 - the precise name of the competition;
 - The tournament category
 - the date requested;
 - the categories of competitions and name of the table(s) to be played on;
 - the name of the federation in charge and the organizer, their e-mail and website address;
 - related information (match format, prizes...).





ANNEXE 5: OFFICIAL REFEREES ATTIRE

The referees' clothing must display badges indicating the referee's level – these patches shall be fixed with Velcro or with a special glue.



These badges are available on the ITSF website: www.table-soccer.org