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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**.





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IMPORTANT DATES

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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.





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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)



Junior Singles
Ryan Moore (USA)



Senior Doubles
Dave Ziemann / Tich Degun (UK)

SENIOR



Senior Singles
Dave Ziemann (UK)



WOMEN

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



Women's Singles
Verena Rohrer (AUT)





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TOURNAMENT VENUE

NANTES, FRANCE

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, visit the website of the [tourism information centre](#).





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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 – 5:00 PM	Sunday 11 – 4:00 PM
Women's World Cup	Friday 9 – 6:00 PM	8 teams	Saturday 10 – 5:00 PM	Sunday 11 – 11:00 AM
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





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Weekend schedule

Wednesday 7th of January

6:00 pm Venue open for training and information package pick-up

Thursday 8th of January

8:00 am Doors open - information package pick-up
 9:00 am World Championships - Singles events - qualification
 1:00 pm World Championships - Doubles events - qualification
 4:00 pm World Championships - Singles events - elimination
 9:00 pm World Championships - Singles events - finals
 0:00 am Doors close

Friday 9th of January

8:00 am Doors open
 9:00 am World Championships - Doubles events - elimination
 2:00 pm World Championships - Doubles events - finals
 5:00 pm Opening Ceremony - Presentation of national teams
 6:00 pm World Cup - Team events - qualification
 0:00 am Doors close

Saturday 10th of January

9:00 am Doors open
 10:00 am World Cup - Team events - qualification continues
 4:00 pm World Championships - Award Ceremony
 5:00 pm Women's World Cup - Quarter final ; Men's World Cup - Top 16
 8:00 pm Women's World Cup - Semi final ; Men's World Cup - Quarter final
 0:00 am Doors close

Sunday 11th of January

10:00 am Doors open
 11:00 am Women's World Cup - Final
 1:00 pm Men's World Cup - Semi final
 4:00 pm Men's World Cup - Final
 7:00 pm World Cup - Award Ceremony





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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.

Captain, 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**

He/she 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.





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• **The coach (manager/coordinator)**

The coach can not be a playing team member.

He/she 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**

He/she will be expected to attend all official meetings.

Referees

• Each federation will provide the list of all the persons who can be called upon to referee matches during the World Cup.

They must indicate whether these persons are players or not (whatever their referee level may be : Assistant, Regional, National, International*, International**, Head Official).

• Also each federation needs to designate someone who will be the reference person for all relations with the Rules Commission regarding refereeing questions during the event.

This person can either be the coach, the delegate or a player.





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- 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. If there are not enough female players in a country to make up a Women's team, female players are allowed to be members of the Men's Team.

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, they have 2 tables at their disposal. 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 (groups of 5 for the Women's World Cup). 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 (with the other 4 teams in the Women's World Cup). 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, on the 2 tables at their disposal.

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 (6 in the Women's event), 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	Games		Goals		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.





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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**.





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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.
- 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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