

INFORMATION

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OBERWERTH - KOBLENZ
information on www.itsfworldtour.com



THE DTFB PRESENTS THE 1st STEP OF THE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
GERMANY 2010
TABLE-SOCCER

WHAT'S NEW?

WCS An identical format for all WCS events
In terms of schedule, information package, prizes, competition format



A better redistribution of money
More players to recoup their costs via prize money and 100% of the money guaranteed by ITSF



Final matches broadcast on TV
On Eurosport 2 (broadcasts in nearly 50 million homes)
3 x 26' programs rebroadcast 3 times - total of 6 hours

15 At least

15 events guaranteed at each WCS event

www. A new dedicated website
For World Tour information and live results



A handle change system
To help players adapt their game more easily on new tables

ITSF
World  **Tour**

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01 INTRODUCTION

THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES EVENTS

There are 5 World Championship Series (WCS) events in the annual ITSF Tour, one on each ITSF Official table (Tornado, Tecball, Roberto Sport, Garlando, Bonzini).

Each of these events is a “mini World Championships event” on a single table, as opposed to the end-of-the-Tour World Championships which take place on all 5 tables.

The first 3 Open Singles winners of each WCS event, as well as the winners of the Women's Singles, Junior Singles and Senior Singles categories are automatically qualified for the World Championships.

These 6 players also benefit from a travel package to attend the World Championships (each package amounts to € 250 to € 800 depending on where they reside).

10 international titles are awarded at each WCS event:

01. Open Singles
02. Open Doubles
03. Junior Singles
04. Junior Doubles
05. Senior Singles
06. Senior Doubles
07. National Teams
08. Women's Singles
09. Women's Doubles
10. Disabled Doubles

THE TECBALL WCS EVENT

The German Table Soccer Federation (DTFB) is proud to invite you to the 2010 Tecball WCS event which will take place for the first time at:

**Sporthalle Oberwerth
(Die Halle)
Koblenz, Germany
April 15th to 18th, 2010**

The main partners associated to this event are the City of Koblenz, Oberwerth, the Eurosport 2 TV Channel and the Kozoom production company.

About 400 competitors from 15 countries and many spectators will attend this major event.

Apart from the main events, other competitions are also organized:

- **D.Y.P.** (Draw Your Partner)
- Singles events by rating categories : **Pro, Semi-Pro, Rookie**
- Doubles events by rating categories : **Pro, Semi-Pro, Rookie**

The Tecball company will provide 70 tables for the competition.



02 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

The competitions are strictly reserved to ITSF licensees.

Players have to register **10 days at the latest before the event**.

All players will be able to check their registration on the ITSF website:
www.itsfworldtour.com
at least 10 days before the event.

The Pro, Semi Pro and Rookie Singles competitions are exclusively open to those players ranked in those categories.

For Doubles events: a player may take part in a competition in a higher category than his/her own if his/her partner is ranked in that category.

See next page for details on these 3 categories.

Players have to choose the registration sheets corresponding to their category and they must write down their license number on it.
(Otherwise the registration will be null and void and the registration payment will be sent back)

Sport dress is compulsory for all players.
National team players must wear their national outfit during the National Teams Competition and during ceremonies.



www.table-soccer.org/rules/dresscode.php

LICENSES

Only those players registered in the ITSF database with the FAST software will be allowed to compete in ITSF events.

Players must have a player's license issued by their own federation – they can have one only. Please contact your federation for details.

German players have to be registered by their regional federation to the DTFB; the list of all registered German players can be found on:

www.dtfb.de

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The deadline for registration is:

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8th
2010 INCLUDED**

*(the letter or e-mail must be
postmarked by this date)*

*No registration will be taken into
account after this date.*

RULES AND MATCH FORMAT

All events in the ITSF World Tour are played according to the international Game Rules, to be found in several languages on the ITSF website:

www.table-soccer.org/rules

Qualification

- All qualification matches are played in a single 7-point game.
- The FAST software takes into account the level of a player's opponents when determining qualification matches, in order for the automatic draw to be fair to all players.

Elimination

- All matches of the elimination phase, except in the DYP events, are played with the following format : Single KO, best of 5 games, first to 5 in each game, with a 2-point difference in the last game up to a maximum of 8 points.
- DYP events : best of 3 games, with a 2-point difference in the last game up to a maximum of 8 points.

TOP SEEDS

Women's competitions

- If there are **more than 32 competitors**: there shall be 4 Top Seeds (TS) according to the ITSF World Ranking + 2 TS determined by the host federation (= wild cards). These 6 Top Seeds don't play qualification matches.
- If there are **32 competitors or less**: there shall be 4 Top Seeds (TS) according to the ITSF World Ranking. These TS play qualification matches but do not play against each other during that qualifying phase.

Open competitions

- There shall be 8 Top Seeds (TS) according to the ITSF World Ranking + 4 Top Seeds determined by the host federation (= wild cards). These 12 Top Seeds don't play qualification matches.
- In the Doubles event, points from both partners are added for the seeding.

www.table-soccer.org/rankings

CATEGORIES

Specific conditions

- Women, Junior (*under 18 years old on December 31st, 2009*) and Senior (*50 years old and older on December 31st, 2009*) players must choose between playing in their category (WS, WD, JS, JD, SS, SD) or playing in the Open events (OS, OD).
- Exceptionally, if there are very few competitors in their category (8 or less) players/teams will be allowed to compete in both events. In that case, the competition in their category shall start 2 hours after the start of the elimination matches in the Open category and shall be played in Single KO.
- Also if there are 8 or less players/teams in that category, only 50 % of the prize money will be paid out to players.
- There must be a least 3 players/teams in a competition before it can start.
- In case of time conflicts when launching matches, the Open event must be given priority.

Rating categories

- The ITSF has determined **3 rating categories: Pro, Semi Pro and Rookie**. The DTFB will use the Tecball rankings, as well as rankings of tables similar to the Tecball table to determine the categories.
- In any case, the Top 150 players in the new [ITSF Combined Rankings](#) (Singles + Doubles) are considered Pro, and all international players are at least Semi-Pro.
- 4 weeks before the start of the event, the final rankings to be used are displayed on the ITSF Tour website - changes that take place in the rankings after this date will not be taken into consideration.
- [List of Pro players](#), as posted on March 18th, 2010.
- For Doubles events: a player may take part in a competition in a higher category than his/her own if his/her partner is ranked in that category.

PACKAGE CONTENT

Pro, Semi-Pro and Rookie packages include:

- 1 Singles event*
- 1 Doubles event**
- Mixed Doubles
- 1 Singles event by rating category
- 1 Doubles event per rating category

(*) 1 Singles event = Open, Women's, Junior or Senior Singles

(**) 1 Doubles event = Open, Women's, Junior or Senior Doubles

PACKAGE COST

(including tournament fee)

Pro	140 €
Semi-Pro	120 €
Rookie	100 €
Women	100 €
Juniors	30 € (Pro 100 €)
Seniors	according to their category (P/SP/R)
Disabled	Free

Week-end Special!

If you start your first event on Saturday, the tournament fees are reduced to €15, which includes the € 5 euro referee fee.

FEES OUTSIDE PACKAGES

COST PER COMPETITION

Pro	50 €
Semi-Pro	40 €
Rookie	30 €
Women	30 €
Juniors	0 € (Pro 30 €)
DYP	10 €
+ Tournament fee	30 €

30 € TOURNAMENT FEE

This fee is included in the packages. In the case of fees outside packages, the tournament fee is added only once.

The tournament fee includes the following:

Registration fee: 25 €

Referee fee: 5 €

The tournament organizers use the referee fee to pay the referees who officiate during their event.

Referees receive between € 2 and € 5 per game depending on their level and for elimination matches only.

**DOWNLOAD
YOUR
REGISTRATION
SHEETS FROM THE
ITSF WORLD
TOUR WEBSITE**

Why pay a referee fee?

The referee fee is meant to motivate players to become referees. Tournament organizers use this money to pay referees who officiate during their event. For more information, visit the ITSF website: www.table-soccer.org/rules

This fee does not guarantee players that they will have a referee at all times; it is mathematically impossible to have enough referees in the first rounds of a competition since most referees are also players. If no referee is available, the match must go on or else players/teams will be sanctioned (they may both get disqualified) for delaying the competition. However, it is clearly stated in the Referee Code that when a certified ITSF referee registers to play in a tournament, he/she is under the obligation to officiate (except in specific cases).

All referees have to wear ITSF referee shirts displaying their referee level. See referee dress code on: www.table-soccer.org/rules/dresscode.php

Official Clinics for referees will be held at 9:00 pm on the first 3 days of the event.

PRIZES

* WCh packages: these players are automatically qualified for the World Championships; they also benefit from a travel package to attend the WCh (each package amounts to € 250 to € 800 depending on where they reside).

OPEN

+ ITSF medals for first 3

Singles		Doubles	
1	€ 1000 + WCh package*	1	€ 2000
2	€ 650 + WCh package*	2	€ 1400
3	€ 400 + WCh package*	3	€ 900
4	€ 300	4	€ 600
5/8	€ 200	5/8	€ 400
9/16	€ 125	9/16	€ 220
17/32	€ 80	17/32	€ 140

WOMEN'S

- see conditions p.6

+ ITSF medals for first 3

Singles		Doubles	
1	€ 350 + WCh package*	1	€ 550
2	€ 250	2	€ 350
3	€ 150	3	€ 220
4	€ 150	4	€ 220
5/8	€ 100	5/8	€ 150

SENIOR

- see conditions p.6

+ ITSF medals for first 3

Singles		Doubles	
1	€ 200 + WCh package*	1	€ 300
2	€ 150	2	€ 200
3	€ 70	3	€ 100
4	€ 70	4	€ 100

DISABLED DOUBLES / JUNIOR

- see conditions p.6

+ ITSF medals for first 3

Singles		Doubles	
1	Trophy + Wch package*	1	Trophy
2	Trophy	2	Trophy
3	Trophy	3	Trophy

MIXED DOUBLES

1	€ 300
2	€ 200
3	€ 150
4	€ 150
5/8	€ 70

Daily DYP x3 days

1	€ 200
2	€ 150
3	€ 70
4	€ 70

PRO

Singles		Doubles	
1	€ 300	1	€ 550
2	€ 200	2	€ 350
3	€ 125	3	€ 200
4	€ 125	4	€ 200
5/8	€ 75	5/8	€ 80

SEMI-PRO

Singles		Doubles	
1	€ 200	1	€ 350
2	€ 125	2	€ 200
3	€ 75	3	€ 120
4	€ 75	4	€ 120

ROOKIE

Singles		Doubles	
1	€ 125	1	€ 200
2	€ 75	2	€ 150
3	€ 50	3	€ 80
4	€ 50	4	€ 80

100% PRIZE MONEY GUARANTEED BY THE ITSF

REGISTRATION FEE (packages)		TOURNAMENT FEE INCLUDED*	REGISTRATION FEE (outside package)	
Pro	€ 140	€ 30	Pro	€ 50
Semi-pro	€ 120	€ 30	Semi-pro	€ 40
Rookie	€ 100	€ 30	Rookie	€ 30
Junior	€ 30 - pro: €100	€ 30	Women	€ 30
Senior	as ranked	€ 30	+ Tournament fee	€ 30
Women	€ 100	€ 30		
Disabled	Free	Free		
			DAILY DYP	
			€ 10	

*This € 30 tournament fee includes the € 5 euro referee fee.

➔ 3 rating categories: Pro, Semi Pro and Rookie
- see page 6

TOTAL € 34 155 (\$ 51 233)

Cash	€ 27 655
Trophies	€ 2 500
WCh travel	€ 3 000
ITSF medals	€ 1 000

➔ Specific conditions for Women, Seniors and Juniors
- see page 6

➔ **Week-end Special:** if you start your first event on Saturday, the tournament fees are reduced to €15, which includes the € 5 euro referee fee.

➔ The € 34 155 total amount (including € 27 655 cash) is guaranteed by the ITSF for each WCS event.



NATIONAL TEAMS COMPETITION

What's new in 2010

➤ Introducing separate events for men and women

(minimum 3 teams in each competition):

- Women: 4 players + 2 reserve / Minimum 3 players
- Men: 7 players + 2 reserve / Minimum 4 players

➤ These events will take place on the first day of the competition, right after the presentation of the national teams at the Opening Ceremony. The draw will take place that same day at noon.

➤ This competition will be broadcasted on Eurosport2. Players who do not abide by the ITSF Dress Code will not be allowed to compete.

➤ Competition format

- Men's - 5 matches: S-D-S-D-S (S = singles ; D = doubles)
- Women's - 3 matches: S-D-S

➤ **Players can only play one match**, so there must always be 7 different names on each scoresheet in the Men's event and 4 in the Women's event.

See scoresheets: [Men's](#) [Women's](#)

➤ 2 matches take place at the same time; except when matches are being filmed.

➤ If there are 6 players in a Men's team (3 in a Women's team), that team will forfeit the first Singles match to be played on the scoresheet;

If there are 5 players in a Men's team, that team will forfeit the first Doubles match;

If there are 4 players in a Men's team, that team will forfeit the first Singles and Doubles matches.

➤ All matches are played in a single 7-point game with a 2-point difference up to a maximum of 10 points.

What remains unchanged

➤ The National Team Competition is played in Single KO (direct elimination).

➤ The draw for the Men's event is divided in 3 parts:

- the first 4 Top Seeds: the host country and the 3 best ranked nations in the ITSF

[Men's rankings of nations](#)

- the next 4 highest ranked nations in the Men's rankings of nations are seeded in the second draw for the seeds 5 - 8

- the remaining national teams take part in the third draw

➤ 4 Top Seeds in the Women's event: the host country and the 3 best ranked nations in the ITSF [Women's rankings of nations](#)

www.table-soccer.org/rankings

EUROSPORT - BROADCASTING PARTNER

A member of the TF1 group, the Eurosport 2 channel gathers the largest audiences of the cable (source: Sport Strategies), which makes it one of the major actors of sport in Europe and worldwide.

The Eurosport 2 channel broadcasts in nearly
50 million homes.

ITSF benefits from a broadcasting partnership in the form of
26' highlight programs
recalling each step of the ITSF World Tour.

www.eurosport.fr

6 hours of programs
dedicated to the 2010 WCS events

(including 3 rebroadcast of each program)

**▷ BROADCAST IN 58 COUNTRIES****Asia and Pacific Countries**

1. Australia
2. Indonesia
3. Malaysia
4. Brunei
5. Hong Kong
6. Singapore
7. Fiji Islands
8. Maldiv Islands
9. Myanmar
10. Tonga Islands
11. Philippines
12. Sri Lanka

11 LANGUAGES

English
French
German
Greek
Hungarian
Italian
Polish
Romanian
Russian
Serbian
Turkish

Western and Northern Europe

1. Austria
2. Belgium
3. Denmark
4. Finland
5. France
6. Germany
7. Ireland
8. Iceland
9. Luxembourg
10. Netherlands
11. Norway
12. Sweden
13. Switzerland
14. United Kingdom

Southern Europe and Mediterranean countries

1. Cyprus
2. Spain
3. Greece
4. Italy
5. Lebanon
6. Malta
7. Portugal
8. Turkey

Central and Eastern Europe and other countries

1. Albania
2. Armenia
3. Azerbaijan
4. Belarus
5. Bosnia-Herzegovina
6. Bulgaria
7. Croatia
8. Czech Republic
9. Estonia
10. Georgia
11. Hungary
12. Kazakhstan
13. Latvia
14. Lithuania
15. Macedonia
16. Moldavia
17. Montenegro
18. Poland
19. Romania
20. Russia
21. Serbia
22. Slovakia
23. Slovenia
24. Ukraine

KOZOOM - PRODUCTION PARTNER

Kozoom is a multimedia broadcasting and production company which specializes in table sports. With its 10 years of experience, this company, based in France, became well known by filming billiard tournaments throughout the world.

In April 2008, **Kozoom was the first company to record a billiard tournament - the Artistic Billiard World Championships - in high definition.**

In January 2009, Kozoom filmed the ITSF Table Soccer World Cup; the programs they produced were then broadcast on the Eurosport 2 TV channel.

They have also filmed the 2010 edition of the World Cup; 12 hours of these programs will soon be broadcast on Eurosport 2.

www.kozoomcorp.com



THURSDAY 15

Competition	Qualification start	Seeded players	Nb of Q matches	Qualified players	Elimination start	Elimination format	Break	Finals (estimate)
Doubles events by rating categories (Pro; SemiPro; Rookie)	9:30 AM	-	6*	80%**	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:00 PM	5:00 PM****
DYP for eliminated players	-	-	-	-	4:00 PM	SKO - 2/3	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
6:00 PM - Opening Ceremony (stop calling matches at 5:00 PM)								
National Teams Competition	-	Top 8	-	-	6:30 PM	SKO	-	11:00 PM

FRIDAY 16

Competition	Qualification start	Seeded players	Nb of Q matches	Qualified players	Elimination start	Elimination format	Break	Finals (estimate)
Open Singles	9:30 AM	12	8*	80%**	2:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
Women's Singles	9:30 AM	See p6	6*	100%***	2:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Junior Singles	9:30 AM	-	6*	100%***	2:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:00 PM	6:00 PM
Senior Singles	9:30 AM	-	6*	100%***	2:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:00 PM	5:00 PM
DYP for eliminated players	-	-	-	-	4:00 PM	SKO - 2/3	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
6:00 PM - Award Ceremony for Doubles events and National Teams Competition + Presentation of Singles' finalists on the stage (photos for all)								

SATURDAY 17

Competition	Qualification start	Seeded players	Nb of Q matches	Qualified players	Elimination start	Elimination format	Break	Finals (estimate)
Open Doubles	9:30 AM	12	8*	80%**	1:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
Women's Doubles	9:30 AM	See p6	6*	100%***	1:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	-	7:00 PM
Junior Doubles	9:30 AM	-	6*	100%***	1:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	-	6:00 PM
Senior Doubles	9:30 AM	-	6*	100%***	1:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	-	5:00 PM
Disabled Doubles	9:30 AM	-	6*	100%***	1:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	-	4:00 PM
DYP for eliminated players	-	-	-	-	4:00 PM	SKO - 2/3	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
6:00 PM - Award Ceremony for Singles events + Presentation of Doubles' finalists on the stage (photos for all)								

SUNDAY 18

Competition	Qualification start	Seeded players	Nb of Q matches	Qualified players	Elimination start	Elimination format	Break	Finals (estimate)
Singles events by categories	9:30 AM	-	6*	80%**	1:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	-	8:00 PM
Mixed Doubles	-	-	-	-	1:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	-	7:00 PM
Awards to be presented to winners at the end of each competition								

*The number of qualification matches will depend on the number of players and tables, to make sure eliminations matches start on time.

**80 % of qualified players BUT the maximum number can not be more than 4 times the number of AVAILABLE tables for the final phases.

*** In order for players to be qualified for the elimination phase, they have to have taken part in at least half of their matches in the qualification phase.

****If finals can not be played at 5:00 pm, they will resume on Friday at 1:00 pm.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 15

🕒 9:30 am

Start of qualification phase for Doubles events by rating categories (Pro; SemiPro; Rookie)

🕒 12:00 pm

End of qualification and start of elimination – Single KO

Group draw for the National Teams Competition

🕒 4:00 pm

Daily DYP for eliminated players – SKO
End of registration 15 mn before start
No national teams' players allowed in this DYP

🕒 5:00 pm

Last call for Doubles events by rating categories – matches that are not finished will resume on Day 2 at 1:00 pm

🕒 6:00 pm

Opening Ceremony: presentation of national teams

🕒 6:30 pm

Start of the National Teams Competition – according to the 2010 format

🕒 9:00 pm

Official Clinic for referees

FRIDAY 16

🕒 9:30 am

Qualification matches for all Singles categories: Open, Women's, Junior and Senior (if there are enough competitors):

🕒 2:00 pm

Elimination matches – SKO

🕒 4:00 pm

Daily DYP for eliminated players – SKO
End of registration 15 mn before start

🕒 6:00 pm

Award Ceremony for Doubles events by rating categories and National Teams Competition
+ Presentation of the remaining players of the Singles competitions

🕒 7:00 pm

Elimination matches resume up to finals

🕒 9:00 pm

Official Clinic for referees

SATURDAY 17

9:30 am

Start of qualification phase for all Doubles categories: Open, Women's, Junior, Senior and Disabled (if there are enough competitors):

1:00 pm

Elimination matches in Single KO

4:00 pm

Daily DYP for eliminated players – SKO
End of registration 15 mn before start

6:00 pm

Award Ceremony for Singles events
+ Presentation of the remaining players of the Doubles competitions

7:00 pm

Elimination matches resume up to finals

9:00 pm

Official Clinic for referees

SUNDAY 18

9:30 am

Start of qualification phase for Singles events by rating categories (Pro; SemiPro; Rookie)

1:00 pm

Start of Mixed Doubles – SKO

1:00 pm

Start of elimination for Singles events by rating categories – SKO

Awards to be presented to winners at the end of each competition.

TST - HANDLE CHANGE SYSTEM



At the 2010 and 2011 WCS events, the ITSF is implementing the use of the TST handle change system.

Visit the TST website at :

www.tst-systems.com

- In all these events, tables will be set up without handles, so that the TST Company can install its handle adaptors on all tables one day before the tournament start.
- Competitors will play exclusively with the handles and handle change system provided by the TST Company.
- Players who do not yet have their own handles will be able to rent some from the TST Company.

Handles for rent:

2 euros per handle

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