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01 Editorial

France hosts the Table Soccer World Cup...

The best international players - including disabled players - will attend the 2012 World Cup in Nantes, France, from January 5th to 8th, 2012.

Under the aegis of the International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF), the French table soccer federation (FFFT) is proud to organize this event in France for the 4th consecutive year and give visitors the opportunity to meet over 500 champions from 40 countries.

The success of the past editions have made it a key event in Western France, and the 2012 World Cup will be even greater, as it is not only the culminating point of the sport season for players worldwide, but it also features a full-fledged program aimed at showcasing a sport which is both very popular and unconventional.

Thus, while the most important matches of the World Cup will be broadcast live on prime time (5:00 pm to 10:00 pm) on Eurosport 2, the World Cup will also include special tournaments, held during the official competition:

- The VIP Tournament will conclude a local competition attended monthly by our partners throughout the year ; it is open to World Cup sponsors and representatives of the local governing bodies;
- The French Cup (January 5th and 6th) is open to all students attending a French university.



Junior and high school students, as well as their teachers and educators will also have a chance to practise table soccer during the event.

Alongside the regular Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior individual and team events, we are also proud to introduce the first Foos on Wheels World Cup, a team event for players in wheelchairs, and played on specially designed soccer tables.

I take this opportunity to thank our partners for their support : local governing bodies (the City of Nantes, the Greater Nantes Region, the General Council of the Loire-Atlantique Department and the Regional Council of the Pays-de-la-Loire Region), private companies and media, as well as all the volunteers, without whom the World Cup could not be organized.

Farid Lounas
President of the FFFT

« Have a great 2012 World Cup! »

02 WHAT IS TABLE SOCCER?

↘ A worldwide popular sport

Emotion, concentration, team spirit... this is table soccer, or foosball, an activity widely practised on the 5 continents.

In France, about half a million people practise table soccer everyday. To measure the scope of this social phenomenon, just ask yourself this simple question:

«Who does not know foosball?»

↘ High level athletes

Table football requires many training hours and good health condition.

Practising table soccer as a high level sport implies efforts and a lot of skill.

«Table soccer teaches mutual respect and helps to develop team spirit»

↘ A sport for everyone

Table soccer helps to build social cohesion and is an extraordinary vector of exchange.

Table soccer is meant for everybody, without any discrimination. It welcomes, and to a much greater degree than other major sports, all categories of players.

«Table soccer is fun, non-violent and intergenerational.»



MEN



WOMEN



JUNIORS



SENIORS



DISABLED

Table soccer in photos



03 WHAT IS THE WORLD CUP? ?

↳ The culmination of the World Tour

The World Tour is a list of competitions in which, every year, the top players of table soccer compete against each other to win the world title.

In every competition of the World Tour, points counting towards the **World Rankings** are allocated to players - the number of points vary according to the tournaments' importance.

- ↳ Pro Tour
 - ↳ Master Series
 - ↳ International Series
 - ↳ World Championship Series
 - ↳ **World Cup**

↳ The most prestigious tournament of the year

The World Cup is the culminating point of the sports season. It is the event most followed by the public and most covered by the media during the year.

This event is the object of several **broadcast programs on the Eurosport 2** channel and of wide advertising in the media. Every year, the World Cup gathers nearly 500 competitors from all over the world.

It is also a unique opportunity in the year to see national teams compete and to support them.

“500 players from 40 countries representing the 5 continents”

National Teams Competitions

Women's World Cup - 13 teams



The Austria team - world champion titleholder

Men's World Cup - 26 teams



The USA team - world champion titleholder

➤ **Participating countries 2012**

WORLD CUP GROUPS

Men's Teams D1

Group A

United States
United Kingdom
Slovakia
Luxembourg

Group B

France
Denmark
Poland
Switzerland

Group C

Austria
Belgium
Portugal
Spain

Group D

Germany
Czech Republic
Iran
Netherlands

Men's Teams D2

Group A

Slovenia
Italy
Canada
Finland

Group B

Morocco
Russia
South Africa
Kuweit

Group C

Turkey
Japan
India
Montenegro

Women's Teams

Group A

Germany
Denmark
Russia

Group B

Austria
Switzerland
India

Group C

Poland
France
USA
Portugal

Group D

Netherlands
Belgium
Great Britain

Junior Teams

Group A

Austria
Germany
Great Britain

Group B

Denmark
United States
Portugal
Belgium

Group C

France
Netherlands
Switzerland
India

Senior Teams

Group A

Great Britain
Austria
Netherlands
Iran
Belgium

Group B

France
Germany
Portugal
United States
Italy

Disabled Teams

Group A

Spain
Germany
Russia
Italy

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Individuals)

All the previously mentioned nationalities plus

1. Algeria
2. Costa Rica
3. Croatia
4. Hungary
5. Ireland
6. Lithuania
7. Norway

« Over 500 players from 40 countries »

More info on the **ITSF World Tour website**

04 WHO ORGANISES THE WORLD CUP?

↳ ITSF (International Table Soccer Federation)

The International Table Soccer Federation was created in 2002 with the aim of coordinating and harmonising the practice of table soccer all over the world.

With currently 57 Member Federations, the ITSF organises every year the ITSF World Tour, a series of over sixty tournaments organised on all 5 continents, where the best players in the world meet and compete.

Besides, the ITSF supports less-favoured countries thanks to a development fund.

It also represents table soccer and defends its interests in its relationships with national and international sports authorities, such as the International Olympic Committee.

The ITSF's headquarters are in Nantes, France.

www.table-soccer.org



↳ The French Table Soccer Federation (FFFT)

Created in 1991, the FFFT represents table soccer at the national level ; it coordinates all French clubs and associations where table soccer is practiced.

For several years now, the FFFT has been presenting to the general public and the media a new image of table soccer, that of a high level, international sport. The FFFT has also submitted several requests to the French Ministry of Sport, to have table soccer officially recognised as a sport. Each time, this request has been denied for no specific reasons while it prevents the FFFT from developing new projects. This is why the FFFT will now go one step further and take this case to court.

Furthermore, the FFFT has recently set up a development project regarding the leisure aspect of table soccer. Its main objectives are to reach new publics in different fields (companies, associations for disabled people, schools, universities and colleges, social centres, neighbourhood associations...), to expand its activities and also develop training programs.

www.francebabyfoot.com



05 PARTNERS



➤ **Table manufacturers (official tables used in the competition)**



BabyFoot
BONZINI
➤ **Bonzini (France)**
www.bonzini.com



➤ **Roberto Sport (Italy)**
www.robortosport.it



➤ **Garlando (Italy)**
www.garlando.it



➤ **Leonhart (Germany)**
www.original-leonhart.com



➤ **Fireball (China)**
www.tablesoccer.com

06 HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, January 4th, from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm - Welcoming party for players, partners and the press organized by I.T.S.F., City of Nantes and Nantes Métropole at the Cité des Congrès - 5 Rue de Valmy - 44000 Nantes

DAY 1 / Thursday, January 5th

09:00 am: Singles events - qualification
01:00 pm: Doubles events - qualification
04:30 pm: Singles events - elimination
08:00 pm: Women's, Junior, Senior and Disabled Singles - finals

[LIVE TV] 08:45 pm: Men's singles - semi finals

[LIVE TV] 09:30 pm: Men's Singles - final

DAY 3 / Saturday, January 7th

09:00 am: Team events - qualification (continued)
02:00 pm: Award Ceremony (Singles and Doubles events)
03:00 pm: Team events - elimination
06:00 pm: Men's World Cup - 1/4 finals
Women's, Junior, Senior World Cups - semi finals

[LIVE TV] 08:45 pm: Men's World Cup - last 1/4 final

DAY 2 / Friday, January 6th

09:00 am: Team events - qualification
02:00 pm: Doubles events - elimination
05:00 pm: Opening ceremony
06:00 pm: *VIP Tournament (VIP room)*
07:00 pm: Women's, Junior, Senior and Disabled Doubles - finals

[LIVE TV] 08:45 pm: Men's Doubles - semi final

[LIVE TV] 09:45 pm: Men's Doubles - final

DAY 4 / Sunday, January 8th

10:00 am: Disabled's World Cup - final
Men's World Cup - 1st semi final
12:00 am: Men's World Cup - 2nd semi final **TV recorded**
12:00 am: Junior's - final
02:00 pm: Women's and Senior World Cups - finals

[LIVE TV] 05:00 pm: Men's World Cup - final

07:00 pm: Award Ceremony
08:00 pm: Farewell party for players, partners and the press

07 PROGRAM

MEN'S SINGLES

Qualification
Thursday 5th, 09:00 am - 32 qualified players
Elimination
Thursday 5th, 04:30 pm
Semi-final & finals
Thursday 5th - **LIVE TV at 8:45 pm**

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Qualification
Thursday 5th, 09:00 am - 32 qualified players
Elimination
Thursday 5th, 04:30 pm
Final
Thursday 5th, 08:00 pm

JUNIOR SINGLES

Qualification
Thursday 5th, 09:00 am - 16 qualified players
Elimination
Thursday 5th, 04:30 pm
Final
Thursday 5th, 08:00 pm

SENIOR SINGLES

Qualification
Thursday 5th, 09:00 am - 16 qualified players
Elimination
Thursday 5th, 04:30 pm
Final
Thursday 5th, 08:00 pm

MEN'S DOUBLES

Qualification
Thursday 5th, 01:00 pm - 32 qualified teams
Elimination
Friday 6th, 02:00 pm
Semi-final & finals
Friday 6th - **LIVE TV at 8:45 pm**

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Qualification
Thursday 5th, 01:00 pm - 32 qualified teams
Elimination
Friday 6th, 02:00 pm
Final
Friday 6th, 07:00 pm **TV recorded**

JUNIOR DOUBLES

Qualification
Thursday 5th, 01:00 pm - 16 qualified teams
Elimination
Friday 6th, 02:00 pm
Final
Friday 6th, 07:00 pm

SENIOR DOUBLES

Qualification
Thursday 5th 01:00 pm - 16 qualified teams
Elimination
Friday 6th, 02:00 pm
Final
Friday 6th, 07:00 pm

MEN'S WORLD CUP

Qualification
Friday 6th, 09:00 am - 16 qualified teams
Elimination
Saturday 7th, 03:00 pm
- last 1/4 final **LIVE TV at 8:45 pm**
Final
D2 - Sunday 8th, 12:00 am / 3rd place :
Sunday 8th in the morning
D1 - 3rd place : Sunday 8th, 2:00 pm
D1 - Sunday 8th - **LIVE TV at 5:00 pm**

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Qualification
Friday 6th, 09:00 am - 8 qualified teams
Elimination
Saturday 7th, 03:00 pm
Final
3rd place : Sunday 8th in the morning
Sunday 8th, 02:00 pm **TV recorded**

JUNIOR WORLD CUP

Qualification
Friday 6th, 09:00 am - 8 qualified teams
Elimination
Saturday 7th, 03:00 pm
Final
3rd place : Sunday 8th in the morning
Sunday 8th, 12:00 am

SENIOR WORLD CUP

Qualification
Friday 6th, 09:00 am - 4 qualified teams
Elimination
Saturday 7th, 03:00 pm
Final
3rd place : Sunday 8th in the morning
Sunday 8th, 02:00 pm

DISABLED WORLD CUP

Qualification
Friday 6th, 09:00 am
Elimination
Saturday 7th, 03:00 pm
Final
Saturday 7th, 06:00 pm

DISABLED SINGLES

(GOALIE WAR)

Qualification
Thursday 5th, 09:00 am
Elimination
Thursday 5th, 04:30 pm
Final
Thursday 5th, 08:00 pm

DISABLED DOUBLES

Qualification
Thursday 5th, 01:00 pm
Elimination
Friday 6th, 02:00 pm
Final
Friday 6th, 07:00 pm

08 WORLD CUP FIGURES

40 countries

500 competitors

3 500 matches

More than **100** soccer tables

15 000 spectators

120 volunteers

30 t of equipment

30 h of programs on Eurosport 2

80 media agencies and groups

09 MEDIA COVERAGE

Press - a growing interest

The increasing media coverage contributes to making table soccer more and more popular every day.

Major international newspapers have featured articles on table soccer, such as the *Times* in the UK, the Swiss *Tribune de Genève* and the *Salzburg Nachrichten* in Austria.

Foosball encompasses a large scope of interests since it is a sport as well as a game and an educational activity. This is why it sparks the interest of different types of media.



Television broadcasting

Table soccer is about to become a regular feature on TV channels.

Six 26 minutes programs are broadcast 4 times each on Eurosport 2 during the month following the event.

These programs feature highlights of the most important matches of the World Cup, such as the National Teams Competition Finals.



Communication networks

Each competition benefits from a large coverage on the web.

Two dedicated sites:

- The **official site of the ITSF** for table soccer specialists and fans; it provides daily news and updates;
- The **ITSF World Tour site** for its part, is intended for a larger audience and is meant to promote the events.

ITSF WEBSITES

www.table-soccer.org



www.itsfworldtour.com



Check our 2010 World Cup [Presse Review](http://www.table-soccer.org/media) on www.table-soccer.org/media



➤ **Eurosport 2 - Broadcasting partner**

Member of the TF1 group, Eurosport is Europe's first sports media group.

Among Eurosport's different channels, the Eurosport 2 TV channel is broadcast in Europe in more than **48 million homes in 46 countries**. The Table Soccer World Cup which takes place in Nantes is broadcast on Eurosport in **15 countries** in Asia and Oceania.

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

www.eurosport.fr

[LIVE]

Friday, January 7th: 8:45pm to 10:45pm

Saturday, January 8th: 8:45pm to 11pm

Sunday, January 9th: 5pm to 7pm

[Recorded]

Three 26-minute programs

Total : 30h of broadcast!

(rebroadcast included - live and recorded)



➤ **BROADCAST**

Asia and Pacific Countries

1. Australia
2. Brunei
3. South Korea
4. Hong Kong
5. Fiji Islands
6. Tonga Islands
7. Indonesia
8. Malaysia
9. Mongolia
10. Myanmar
11. Papua New Guinea
12. Philippines
13. Singapore
14. Sri Lanka
15. Vietnam

➤ **16 LANGUAGES, including**

- English
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbian
- Swedish
- 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

10 WHAT'S NEW?

↳ The VIP room

The VIP room is a 300m² space located next to the room where the main competition takes place; it can be booked by companies that wish to organise their own private events.

Four special tournaments will be organised in the VIP room:

- the **Ph.D. Tournament**, on Thursday, January 6th, at 07:00 pm;
- the **VIP Tournament**, on Friday, January 7th, at 06:00 pm (after the opening ceremony);
- the **Country Road Take Me to Town (CRTMT) Tournament**, on Saturday, January 8th, at 10 am;
- the **Foos on Wheels Tournament**, on Saturday, January 8th, at 02:00 pm.

Admission is free.



VIP ENTRANCE
(for information only)



11 AN ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY COMPETITION

The French Table Soccer Federation (FFFT) is committed to adopting an eco-responsible attitude, taking into account environmental stakes when organizing the World Cup, and also in the daily functioning of its headquarters' offices.

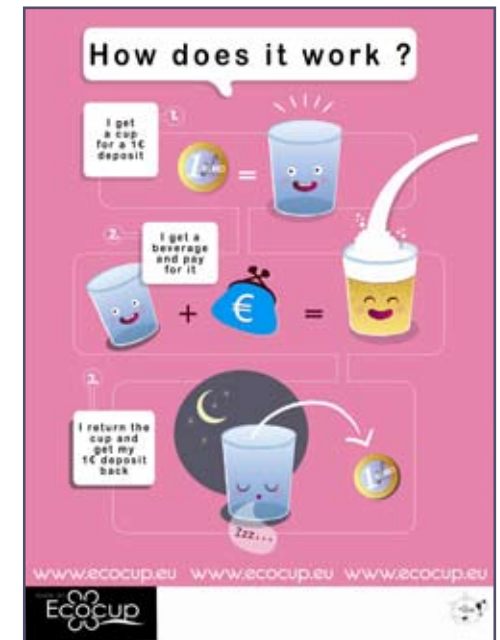
The FFFT wishes to promote an organizational model for the World Cup which aims at limiting environmental damage in each field of action: transportation, food consumption, communication...

The FFFT also encourages all its members to adopt an eco-responsible attitude in order to promote environmental awareness among all those involved in the development of table soccer worldwide: clubs, player, table manufacturers, tournament spectators...

It results in the implementation of concrete actions in and around the tournament venue such as encouraging the use of public transportation, using reusable cups, practicing selective litter-sorting...



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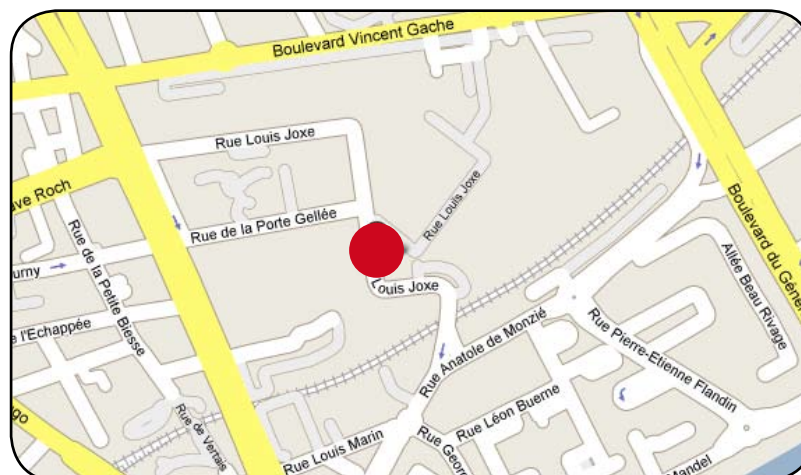


12 USEFUL INFORMATION

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