

## ➤ WORLD CUP FORMAT - TEAMS

*Some changes have been implemented since the last World Cup, so please take time to read this information thoroughly.*

• 4 World Cup events will take place in the following categories:

- **Men:** 7 + 2 reserve players (minimum 5 players to make up a team)
- **Women:** 6 + 2 reserve players (minimum 4 players to make up a team)
- **Juniors (18 and under\*):** 4 + 2 reserve players (minimum 3 players) - male and/or female players can be part of a Junior team
- **Seniors (50 and over):** 4 + 2 reserve players (minimum 3 players) - male and/or female players can be part of a Senior team
- **Disabled:** 3 + 1 reserve players (minimum 2 players) - male and/or female players can be part of a Disabled team

*\* Please note that players who were Juniors in 2011 (born in 1993) can still take part in the 2012 Junior World Cup.*

• It is up to each federation to decide whether they want to have **reserve players** or not. These reserve players will be able to rotate with regular team members for each encounter with another team but note that no change of players will be allowed after the players list has been entered on the players' station, except in case of injury.

• It is possible to have a male Junior and/of Senior player in the Men's team (and/or a female Junior and/of Senior player in the Women's team), under the condition that it doesn't prevent the federation from having a complete Junior or Senior team. In that case, the federation can also have a Junior and/or Senior team.

• Each national team chooses 1 table, and only one, for the whole tournament - teams from the same country can choose different tables:

**BONZINI, GARLANDO, ROBERTO SPORT, LEONHART OR FIREBALL.**

• When 2 teams meet, they have 2 tables at their disposal. The **team captains** flip a coin twice :

- the team who wins the first flip gets to choose the side of the table they will play on for ALL the matches against the other team; they must play on the same side on both tables.

- the team who wins the second flip will choose which table is played first or who gets to serve first. The team who loses this flip has the remaining option.

Then before each of the following matches, the losing team of the previous match will get to choose which table is played first or who gets to serve first.

The other team has the remaining option.

The team who loses the first game of a match shall have the first serve to start the second game of that same match.

### **Exception: when 2 matches take place at the same time;**

- this may occur during the qualification phase
- or during the elimination phase due to time constraints

In these cases, the first match is played according to the same system as described above, BUT, teams **must not wait** for their players to be available for the next match. The next available match on the scoresheet must be played on the first available table.

**In short, whenever possible, 2 matches should be playing at the same time.**

For these matches, there is only one flip to decide who gets to serve first.