



How players qualify for the 2008 World Championships

Players can qualify for the World Championships in several ways:

➤ **ITSF World Rankings**

Those players whose accumulated ITSF rankings points for the 2008 season place them in the top 16 in Men's and top 8 in Women's worldwide will qualify to compete in Men's Singles and Women's Singles – the definite list of these players will be known after the last tournament of the 2008 Tour, on October 26th.

➤ **World Championship Series events**

The top three winners in Open Singles as well as the winner of the Women's Singles and the winner of the Junior Singles competitions also qualify.

➤ **Events in the "International" tournament category**

The Open Singles winner of each International Series tournament is automatically qualified.

➤ **National Champions**

All ITSF member federations (regardless of their membership category) are entitled to send their national champions in the following categories: Men, Women, Junior (under 18 years - players born in 1990 or after) and Senior (50 years & over - players born in 1957 or before), as well as 1 team in the new Disabled Doubles category:

<i>National Champions of each ITSF Member Federation</i>	
Disabled Doubles	1 team (male or female)
Men's Doubles	1 team
Women's Doubles	1 team
Junior Doubles	1 team (male or female)
Senior Doubles	1 team (male or female)
Men's Singles	1 player
Women's Singles	1 player
Junior Singles	1 player (male or female)
Senior Singles	1 player (male or female)

➤ **Wild Cards**

All ITSF **Regular Member federations** benefit from special Wild Cards to have an extra team of players in the Men's and Women's Doubles categories.

ITSF Associate Members are not entitled to Wild Cards.

New this year: all ITSF **Regular Member federations** benefit from special Wild Cards to also have an extra team of players in the following Doubles categories: Junior, Senior and Disabled.

New this year: apart from these, ITSF **Regular Member federations with a membership of 500 to 1999 licensees** benefit from extra Wild Cards in all the Singles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior.

New this year: ITSF **Regular Member federations with a membership of 2000 licensees or more** benefit from yet extra Wild Cards in all Singles and Doubles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior, as well as Disabled Doubles.

See recap next page.

Wild Cards for ITSF Regular Members - Recap

	<i>50 to 499 licensees</i>	<i>500 to 1999 licensees</i>	<i>2000 + licensees</i>
Disabled Doubles	1 team (male or female)	1 team (male or fem.)	2 teams (male or fem.)
Men's Doubles	1 team	1 team	2 teams
Women's Doubles	1 team	1 team	2 teams
Junior Doubles	1 team (male or female)	1 team (male or fem.)	2 teams (male or fem.)
Senior Doubles	1 team (male or female)	1 team (male or fem.)	2 teams (male or fem.)
Men's Singles	-	1 player	2 players
Women's Singles	-	1 player	2 players
Junior Singles	-	1 player (male or fem.)	2 players (male or fem.)
Senior Singles	-	1 player (male or fem.)	2 players (male or fem.)