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*2009 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
QUALIFYING CONDITIONS*

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Players can qualify for the World Championships in several ways:

- through the ITSF World Rankings
- by winning a competition at the previous World Championships
- by winning World Championship Series and International Series events
- by winning the national championships in their country
- by benefiting from special Wild Cards when their country is an ITSF Regular Member

Top players in the 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 2009 Tour, on October 25th.

□ *New this year:* the top 3 players in Junior and Senior Singles rankings will also qualify.

These players are entitled to a travel package when their federation is an ITSF Regular Member. See page 5 for information on travel packages.

If a player (male or female) who qualified through the ITSF World Rankings can not make it to the World Championships, the *next highest ranked PLAYER* in the Rankings can go instead – **there will be no travel package for these substitute players.**

Check [current rankings](#)

World Championships Titleholders

□ *New this year:* all titleholders (in Singles and Doubles) from the previous World Championships edition are automatically qualified, except when the champions are too old to qualify in their categories; for example, Junior champions who are no longer Juniors the following year or champions who become Seniors.

These players are NOT entitled to a travel package.

There can be no substitute players for these qualified players (neither in Singles nor Doubles).

Winners of World Championship Series and International 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 at WCS events also qualify.

□ *New this year:* the winner of the Senior Singles competition will also qualify

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

These players are entitled to a travel package when their federation is an ITSF Regular Member.

There can be no substitute players for these qualified players.





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National Champions

All ITSF member federations (regardless of their membership category) are entitled to send their national champions in the following categories (1 player in each Singles category and 1 team in each Doubles category): **Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior.**

New this year: there is no limit to the number of teams that member federations can send for the Disabled Doubles category

National Champions of each ITSF Member Federation

Disabled Doubles	No team limit (male or fem.)
Men's Doubles	1 team
Women's Doubles	1 team
Junior Doubles	1 team (male or fem.)
Senior Doubles	1 team (male or fem.)
Men's Singles	1 player
Women's Singles	1 player
Junior Singles	1 player (male or female)
Senior Singles	1 player (male or female)

Junior players must have been born in 1991 or after (players born before 1991 are not Juniors)
Senior players must have been born in 1958 or before (players born after 1958 are not Seniors)

All national champions must have qualified in the official national tournament in their country **OR** be announced by national federations by **October 31st, 2009**, if there is no national championship in their country.

If a national champion (male or female) can not make it to the World Championships (in Singles or Doubles), the *next highest placing PLAYER in Singles* in the national qualifying event can go instead in the case of Singles. In the case of Doubles, the *next highest placing TEAM in Doubles* in the national qualifying event can go instead.

If a player automatically qualifies to go to the World Championships because of his/her rank in the ITSF World Rankings; or he/she is a World Championships titleholder; or he/she has qualified at World Championship Series or International Series events; and if this same player is also the national champion of his/her country in their category, that country can send 2 players to the World Championships in that category: the one who qualified automatically plus the runner-up of the national qualifying event.

There is no travel package for national champions





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Wild Cards

All **ITSF Regular Member federations** benefit from special Wild Cards to have an extra team of players in all the Doubles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior. ITSF Associate Members are not entitled to Wild Cards.

The names of these players will have to be announced by national federations by October 31st, 2009. No late submission will be accepted after that date.

Apart from these, **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.

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.

There is no travel package for players benefiting from Wild Cards.

Wild Cards for ITSF Regular Members - Recap

	<i>50 to 499 licensees</i>	<i>500 to 1999 licensees</i>	<i>2000 + licensees</i>
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.)





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Qualified players entitled to travel packages

	World Rankings	World Championship Series event (WCS)	International Series events
Men's Singles	Top 16	Top 3	Top 1
Women's Singles	Top 8	Top 1	-
Junior Singles	Top 3	Top 1	-
Senior Singles	Top 3	Top 1	-

Travel packages are available for these players ONLY and only when their federation is an ITSF Regular Member.

Each package amounts to € 250 to € 800 depending on country of origin:

Continents	Package
Europe	€ 250
Africa	€ 500
North America	€ 700
Asia ; Central and South America ; Oceania	€ 800

The travel packages will be given in Nantes.

