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The International Table Soccer Federation and its partners are happy to introduce the

ITSF Table Soccer World Cup 2010

The organization of this event has been delegated to the French table soccer federation – the FFFT.

The World Cup consists of **2 separate team events**:
a **Men's World Cup** and a **Women's World Cup**.

The 2010 World Cup will also include the 2009 **World Championships**, during which players will compete in **Singles and Doubles** in the following categories: **Men, Women, Junior and Senior**; as well as the **Disabled Doubles** category.





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▶ IMPORTANT DATES

▶ World Cup

National federations must confirm that they would like to take part in the World Cup by:

September 30th, 2009

National federations must announce their team members and the choice of the table for each team - the Women's team and the Men's team from the same country can choose different tables - by:

October 31st, 2009

▶ World Championships

Check [qualifying conditions](#).

As for national champions of each ITSF member federations, they must :

- either qualify in the official national qualifying tournament in their country
- OR, if there is no national championship in their country, they must be announced by national federations by:

October 31st, 2009

This is also the deadline for announcing the choice of tables for all players.

When there is no qualifying event in a country, then the selection process must take place under fair, objective and democratic rules.

▶ WINNERS OF THE LAST EDITION

Check the winning teams and individual champions of last year's World Cup ([Men's](#) and [Women's](#)) and [World Championships](#) (see Final Rankings section).

[Posters of teams and champions](#) are also downloadable from the Foosfan section of the ITSF website. As the 2008 World Championships took place during the 2009 World Cup, please:

- click on World Cup 2009 for posters of teams
- click on World Championships 2008 for posters of champions





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TOURNAMENT VENUE

Complexe Mangin-Beaulieu 2 rue Louis Joxe NANTES, FRANCE

Nantes (pop. 550 000) is France's sixth largest city, and the largest city in western France.

Nantes is just 2 hours from Downtown Paris by high speed train (TGV) which runs every hour. Also the TGV runs straight from the Roissy-Charles de Gaulle international airport to Nantes city centre in 3 hours.

Air France, Ryan Air and Easy Jet run daily flights to Nantes from numerous countries.

For more information on Nantes, visit the website of the [tourism information centre](#).

The City of Nantes, the Department of Loire-Atlantique and the Pays-de-la-Loire Region are proud to host this major event for the second year, and will be happy to welcome all qualified players and national teams to Nantes.



City of Nantes

www.nantes.fr



Loire-Atlantique Department

www.loire-atlantique.fr



Pays de la Loire Region

www.paysdelaloire.fr





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↘ SCHEDULE

↪ Welcome Party

Wednesday, January 6th
from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

The FFFT is happy to invite all competitors to a «Welcome Party» on Wednesday evening which will take place in a nice Nantes venue.

A buffet will be served and playing tables will be available for competitors to train.

Please note that the tournament hall will be closed that day.

An Award Ceremony will take place that evening, during which the best players of the ITSF 2009 World Rankings will be presented with trophies - in the following **Singles and Doubles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior, as well as the Disabled Doubles and best Nation categories***.

As this party is for invited guests only, each ITSF member federation must confirm their attendance and let us know how many competitors will be there that evening. Please confirm by mailing the ITSF office as early as possible.

*When the best players of the 2009 World Rankings are known at the end of the 2009 World Tour on October 25th, 2009, they should contact the ITSF office and let them know whether or not they will be available to receive their award during the welcome party.

That evening, competitors will be expected to confirm their registration in the different events and pick up the information package

Players must bring their player cards - there is a 5 euro fee for replacing lost cards. Competitors who have never had a player card before will get one for free. Players who can not attend the welcome party on Wednesday evening will be expected to register on Thursday morning at the tournament hall upon their arrival.

↪ Opening Ceremony

Friday, January 8th at 5:00 PM





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Week End Schedule

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WELCOME PARTY

Wednesday 6th of January

6:00 pm - Welcome Party - Award Ceremony for best players of the year

DAY 1

Thursday 7th of January

8:00 am - Doors open - info package pick-up

9:00 am - WCh - Singles events - qualification

1:00 pm - WCh - Doubles events - qualification

4:00 pm - WCh - Singles events - elimination

9:00 pm - WCh - Singles events - finals

12:00 am - Doors close

DAY 2

Friday 8th of January

8:00 am - Doors open

9:00 am - WCh - Doubles events - elimination

2:00 pm - WCh - Doubles events - finals

5:00 pm - Opening Ceremony - Presentation of national teams

6:00 pm - WCup - Team events - qualification

12:00 am - Doors close

DAY 3

Saturday 9th of January

9:00 am - Doors open

10:00 am - WCup - Team events - qualification continues

2:00 pm - WCh - Award Ceremony

3:00 pm - Women's WCup - Quarter final; Men's WCup - Top 16

6:00 pm - Women's WCup - Semi final; Men's WCup - Quarter final

12:00 am - Doors close

DAY 4

Sunday 10th of January

9:30 am - Doors open

10:00 am - Men's WCup - 1st Semi final

12:00 pm - Men's WCup - 2nd Semi final

2:00 pm - Women's WCup - Final

5:00 pm - Men's WCup - Final

7:00 pm - WCup - Award Ceremony





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Competition Schedule

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Competition	Qualification starts at	Qualified	Elimination starts at	Finals
Men's World Cup	Friday 8 – 6:00 PM	16 teams	Saturday 9 – 3:00 PM	Sunday 10 – 5:00 PM
Women's World Cup	Friday 8 – 6:00 PM	8 teams	Saturday 9 – 3:00 PM	Sunday 10 – 2:00 PM
World Championships Men's Singles	Thursday 7 – 9:00 AM	32 players	Thursday 7 – 4:00 PM	Thursday 7 – 11:00 PM
World Championships Men's Doubles	Thursday 7 – 1:00 PM	32 teams	Friday 8 – 9:00 AM	Friday 8 – 4:00 PM
World Championships Women's Singles	Thursday 7 – 9:00 AM	32 players	Thursday 7 – 4:00 PM	Thursday 7 – 10:00 PM
World Championships Women's Doubles	Thursday 7 – 1:00 PM	32 teams	Friday 8 – 9:00 AM	Friday 8 – 3:00 PM
World Championships Junior/Senior Singles	Thursday 7 – 9:00 AM	16 players	Thursday 7 – 4:00 PM	Thursday 7 – 9:00 PM
World Championships Junior/Senior Doubles	Thursday 7 – 1:00 PM	16 teams	Friday 8 – 9:00 AM	Friday 8 – 2:00 PM
World Championships Disabled Doubles	Thursday 7 – 1:00 PM	16 teams	Friday 8 – 9:00 AM	Friday, 8 – 2:00 PM





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SPORT DRESS AND TABLES

Sport Dress

- Each player must have 4 “national” shirts: one for each day of the event.
A jogging suit (top and bottom) is also required of all players.
- The name of the country must be clearly displayed on the players’ shirts and jogging suit; players can also add their names and country’s flag on their shirts and jogging suits, if they wish.
- Players must wear their national shirt during ceremonies and matches; players who do not abide by this rule will not be allowed to compete. Players are strongly encouraged to wear their national sport dress during the whole event, even if they don’t play every day.
- Partners in Doubles events must wear exactly the same sport dress.

Tables

- For the World Championships, qualified players and national champions must choose their table by **October 31st, 2009**, at the latest, except when national championships take place later.
- For the World Cup, national federations must announce the choice of the table for each team (the women’s team and the Men’s team from the same country can choose different tables) by **October 31st, 2009**.
- Players/teams cannot change their choice of table during the tournament.
If 2 opponents/teams have chosen the same table, they will play on one table only.





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TEAM REPRESENTATIVES AND REFEREES

→ Captain, Coach and Delegate

• Each team (Men's and Women's) must designate a team **captain** among the team players.

Each team (Men's and Women's) can be accompanied by a **coach** who will be considered as a non-playing team member; and also by the **delegate** of the national federation who can not be a team member.

• The captain

He/she will represent his/her team; among other things, when 2 teams meet, he/she will do the first coin slip to determine the table side.

• The coach (manager/coordinator)

The coach can not be a playing team member. He/she will be in charge of making sure the team is well organized such as respecting the schedule of matches, the dress code, etc. He/she will be the intermediary between his/her team and ITSF.

If there is no coach, the captain will take on the coach responsibilities.

• The delegate

He/she will be expected to attend all official meetings.

→ Referees

• Each federation will provide the list of all the persons who can be called upon to referee matches during the World Cup.

They must indicate whether these persons are players or not (whatever their referee level may be : Assistant, Regional, National, International*, International**, Head Official).

• Also each federation needs to designate someone who will be the reference person for all relations with the Rules Commission regarding refereeing questions during the event.

This person can either be the coach, the delegate or a player.





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WORLD CUP FORMAT

New this year

Teams

- A national team is made up of **7 players** (+ 2 reserve players) for the Men's event and 6 players (+2 reserve players) for the Women's event, accompanied by their coaches and the president (or delegate) of the national federation.

It is up to each federation to decide whether they want to send reserve players or not. These reserve players will be able to rotate with regular team members but note that no change of players will be allowed after the players list has been given in, except in case of injury. The **minimum number of players allowed in a Men's team is 5** and the minimum in a Women's team is 4.

- Each national team chooses 1 table, and only one, for the whole tournament - the 2 teams from the same country can choose different tables. Tables are as follows: BONZINI, GARLANDO, ROBERTO SPORT, TECBALL and TORNADO. **Even when two teams playing against each other have chosen the same table, no change of tables will be allowed.**

- 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 his/her team 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





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➔ Qualification matches

- Participating countries will be drawn in groups of 4 **in both the Men's and Women's events**.

Teams ranked 1 to 4 in the ITSF World Rankings of Nations will not play in the same group. Moreover, in the Men's event, teams ranked 5 to 8 will not play in the same group either.

- Within a group, each team will meet with the other 3 teams.
Only 2 teams in each group will qualify for the next round.

- **When 2 teams meet, they will play:**

- 5 matches (= 10 games) in the Men's event, according to the following format: S-D-S-D-S where S stands for Singles and D for Doubles matches;

- 4 matches (= 8 games) in the Women's event according to the following format: D-S-D-S.

- **2 matches will take place at the same time, on the 2 tables at the teams' disposal.**

- **Players can only play one match, so there must always be 7 different names on each scoresheet in the Men's event and 6 in the Women's event.**

If there are only 5 or 6 players in a Men's team (4 or 5 in a Women's team), then one Doubles or Singles match respectively will be forfeited, and that team will automatically lose the points for this match.

See scoresheets for qualification matches:

[Men's](#)

[Women's](#)

The names of the players for all the qualification matches will have to be provided at least 2 hours before the opening ceremony and no changes of players will be allowed after that.

- A match consists of 2 games: one game on your table + 1 game on the other team's table.

- A game is won in **5 goals**.

- At the end of the 5 matches **(4 in the Women's event)**, points will be granted according to the number of games won by each team:

- when a team has won more than **5 games (4 in the Women's event)**, it is granted 2 points

- when a team has won **5 games (4 in the Women's event)**, it is granted 1 point

- when a team has won less than **5 games (4 in the Women's event)**, it is granted 0 point

- The maximum number of points that can be granted to a team at the end of the qualification process is 6 (2 points x 3 encounters against other teams).

- if 2 teams have scored the same number of points, the team that has won the most games comes first ;

- if both teams have won an equal number of games, the team that has the higher goal average comes first ;

- if both teams have the same goal average, the team that has scored the most goals comes first.

See example on next page.

- At the end of the qualification process, 16 teams in the Men's event and 8 teams in the Women's event will proceed to the next phase.





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Ex: Group A

Ranking	Country	Points	Games		Goals		Goal Average	
			WON	LOST	WON	LOST		
1	Team 4	4	25	5	130	150		
2	Team 1	4	15	15	105	210		
3	Team 3	2	10	20	83	145	-62	eliminated
4	Team 2	2	10	20	71	133	-62	eliminated

➔ Elimination matches

- When 2 teams meet, they will play:
 - 5 matches (= 10 games) in the Men's event, according to the following format: S-D-S-D-S;
 - 4 or 5 matches (= 8 or 10 games) in the Women's event according to the following format: D-S-D-S-(D) - depending on whether or not the extra Doubles match has to be played (in case of a tie).

Matches are played one at a time, except if delay has accumulated, in which case 2 matches will take place at the same time.

- A match is best of 3 games, first to 5, switching table after each game. In the 3rd game 1 ball will be played on the first table, then players will play 2 balls alternately on each table until there is a winner with a 2 point difference (no point limit).

In the **WOMEN'S EVENT**, if both teams have won an equal number of matches at the end of the encounter, an extra match will be played in Doubles.

This extra match will consist of 1 game, first to 7, played as follows: 1 ball will be played on the first table, then players will play 2 balls alternately on each table until there is a winner with a 2 point difference (no point limit).

This extra match must be played by 2 players who have already played during the encounter, so there can NOT be more than 6 different names on each scoresheet.

Note that there is **no match for third place**; instead there will be **2 bronze places**.

See scoresheets for elimination matches:

[Men's](#)

[Women's](#)





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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

Qualification matches

• All players (pairs in Doubles) will play qualification matches, except Top Seeds (see below).

• In the Men's Singles/Doubles and Women's Singles/Doubles categories, **only the first 32 players or teams will qualify.**

• In the Junior and Senior Singles and Doubles categories, and in the Disabled Doubles category, **only the first 16 players or teams will qualify.**

• A match is **ONLY 1 game**, first to 7 (the 2 points difference rule does NOT apply).

• Each player will compete against 6 to 8 (TBD) different opponents and will play at least 50% of their matches on their table of choice (more where both players have chosen the same table).

• 1 point is awarded for each game won.

• The **Top 4 players/teams** in the ITSF Men's Singles/Doubles and Women's Singles/Doubles World Rankings **will not play** qualification matches.

• A coin flip shall precede the start of each match.

The player who wins the flip has the choice of table side or first serve.

The player who loses the flip has the remaining option.

Elimination matches

• A match is best of 5 games switching table after each game, first to 5 on each game.

• In the event of a tie, shorter games of 2 balls each will be played alternately on both tables (2 times); if the scores are still tied (4:4), players will play 1 ball on each table until there is a winner with a 2 point difference.

• 2 coin flips shall precede the start of each match:

- the player who wins the first flip gets to choose the side of the table he/she will play on for ALL the games in that match; he/she must play on the same side on both tables.

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

There is **no match for third place**; instead there will be **2 bronze places**.





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PRIZES

No entry fees and over € 50 000 worth in prizes!!
- and souvenir gifts for all competitors -

Travel Packages - € 25 000

New: 11 more players benefit from a package this year - the Top 3 in Junior and Senior Singles Rankings, as well as the Senior Singles winner of each WCS event.

Check which players are entitled to a [travel package](#) and in which amount.

WCS Packs - over € 5 000

Apart from medals, the first 4 winners in each World Championships category (Men's, Women's, Junior, Senior and Disabled) will be awarded World Championship Series (WCS) packages so they can attend WCS events during the 2010 Tour.

Each time, packages will be awarded to players who are not members of the federation awarding the package, so that competitors are encouraged to attend other WCS events than the one taking place in their country.

Please note that these packages will not be transferable to other players.

Tables - over € 20 000

16 tables will be awarded to ITSF member federations:

- to the Top 3 federations according to the medal count in the World Championships rankings (2 tables each) - if countries are still tied, the 2009 World Rankings of Nations will be used
- to 2 federations in poor countries (3 tables each)
- to 2 federations as acknowledgment of their work to develop table soccer in their country (2 tables each)

In each of the above cases, the tables donated to federations will not be their "home" tables; the brands of tables will be determined for each federation by the ITSF Sports Commission.





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