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Men's Singles Champion in 2015 & 2017, can reigning Olympic Champion Ma Long (CHN) defend his title in Budapest to make it three in a row?



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# ITTF OVERVIEW

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) is the governing body of table tennis and has 226 affiliated member associations; the most of any International Sports Federation.

The ITTF holds over 100 events a year, seen live on TV in over 140 countries and currently has over 3 million social media followers, which makes table tennis one of the most followed sports on the planet.

The ITTF was initiated in Berlin, Germany and became formalized in London in 1926. Table tennis became an Olympic discipline at the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympic Games and a Paralympic discipline in 1960.

The current ITTF President is Mr. Thomas WEIKERT (GER) who was appointed in 2014 and elected in 2017.

## HISTORY OF TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis started as a parlour game in Victorian England; it was an after-dinner entertainment for the upper-class society.

Gradually, the sport grew from a parlour game to a highly competitive activity. Interest began to fade around 1904, and it was not until its revival in the early 1920s that competition resumed on an ever-growing scale.

However, for the game to advance as a serious international sport, standards had to be developed, hence the formation of the ITTF in 1926, along with the first World Championships.

The first World Championships was organized in London in 1926, originally as a European Championships. There was a problem; a group of players from India wanted to compete; hastily just before play began, the name was changed to World Championships, but the poster advertising for the event remained as European Championships.

The game of table tennis has since gone from strength to strength, first appearing in the Olympic Games in 1988, and now is the second most played sport in the world.

For further history of table tennis, look at the historical timeline of the sport here:  
<https://www.ITTF.com/history/documents/historyoftabletennis/>

# BASIC TABLE TENNIS RULES

## SCORING

In the World Championships, each singles match is best of 7 games; doubles matches are best of 5 games in the qualifications, and best of 7 games in the main draw.

The first player / doubles pair to reach 11 points wins the game, however a game must be won by at least a 2-point margin.

The edges of the table are part of the legal table surface, but not the sides.

## FLOW OF THE MATCH

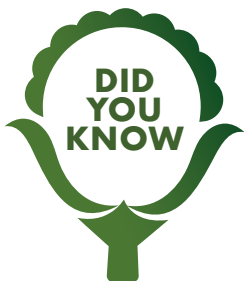
Each player serves 2 points in a row; then the service changes. However, if a score of 10-10 is reached in any game, then the service is alternate. After each game, the players change ends. In the final game, the players change ends when one of the players reaches 5 points.

## LEGAL SERVICE

The ball must rest on an open hand palm of the hand and thrown vertically at least 6 inches and struck as the ball falls. The ball must bounce on the server's side and then on the opponent's side of the table. If the serve is legal, except that it touches the net, it is called a let serve and the serve is repeated.

## EQUIPMENT

The racket must have a red and a black side. The ball must be white and 40 mm in diameter. The table is 2.74 meters long, 1.525 meters wide and 0.76 meters high.



A player's racket is tested randomly before each match, and opponents have the right to look at each other's rackets.

If a game lasts for more than 10 minutes, the expedite rule comes into action. Serving is alternate, if the receiver returned the 13th stroke in the rally, the receiver has won the point.

If a player strikes the ball below the wrist of the hand that is holding the racket, the point is legal.

If a player hits the ball around the net and it still lands legally on the table, the shot is valid.

# HOST CITY

Budapest is a city full of surprises and wonder, with its lively centre, pretty parks, majestic river, tall church spires and lavish spas. One of the most exciting cities in the world, Budapest is full of secrets to uncover, hidden spots to explore and old favourites to revisit. This is the city where being bored is not an option.

There are a million ways to explore Budapest: on foot, by bus, tram and underground, on water, by bike or even by an amphibious vehicle. And what to see while you're there? Start on the top, with the magnificent Buda Castle and Castle District. You won't need hiking boots to climb Gellért Hill to enjoy breath-taking views, in fact part of the UNESCO World Heritage and views of the city can be seen from the Citadel. Cross the river for the most grandiose building on the Pest embankment, the Parliament. For sacred wonders, visit the tallest building in the city, Saint Stephen's Basilica. Heroes' Square will give you a peek into the romantic past of the country.

When you're done with the must-sees, leave the main streets behind, and let the city unfold its secrets. Plenty of design shops, tiny parks, terraced cafés, and architectural treasures wait in the nooks and crannies. See the city from a new point of view and get to places we otherwise really wouldn't. Walks are full of surprises, even for locals, and it is not without reason that they have become so popular in Budapest over the past few years. Budapest is a metropolis of approximately two million people and is waiting to be discovered.

More information: <https://www.budapestinfo.hu/hu/>





## 2019 EVENT VENUE

Staged in the 36-hectare landscape, the Hungexpo Budapest Fair Center is the largest multifunctional event venue in Hungary.

Located at the heart of the city, the Hungexpo is 15 minutes away from downtown and easily accessible by public transport.

Address: H-1101 Budapest, Albertirsai út 10, Hungary

Getting there:

- By underground no. 2 till the end stop 'Örs vezér tere', direct connection by bus no. 10 or on foot from 'Pillangó utca' metro station (cca. 15 minutes).
- By tram no. 37 or 37A starting at 'Blaha Lujza tér', in 'Népszínház' street.
- By car on 'Kerepesi' street from downtown.
- By bike from the direction of 'Kerepesi' or 'Fehér' street along 'Albertirsai' street.
- By train from Eastern railway station (Keleti pályaudvar) to 'Kőbánya felső' station.

# 2019 WTTC KEY DATES

| DATE     | TIME                    |                                                                                                   |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 19 April | 16:00                   | First Initial Stage Draw @Hungexpo Press Conference Room                                          |
| 20 April | 11:00                   | Opening Ceremony<br>Second Initial Stage Draw & Press Conference                                  |
| 22 April | 09:00                   | Annual General Meeting (AGM)<br>@ The Grand Ball Room, Corinthia Hotel Budapest                   |
| 23 April | 14:00                   | Presenting the 2019 Parkinson's World Table Tennis Championships                                  |
| 26 April | 14:00                   | Mixed Doubles Final & Awarding Ceremony                                                           |
| 27 April | 12:00<br>13:00<br>14:00 | Men's Doubles Final<br>Women's Singles Final<br>Men's Doubles & Women's Singles Awarding Ceremony |
| 28 April | 13:30<br>14:30<br>15:30 | Men's Singles Final<br>Women's Doubles Final<br>Men's Singles & Women's Doubles Awarding Ceremony |

# 2019 WTTC TIME SCHEDULE

| DATE     | TIME                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21 April | 10:00                                              | Qualifications                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 22 April | 10:00<br>16:45<br>18:00<br>19:00<br>20:45          | Qualifications<br>Men's Singles Preliminary Rounds<br>Mixed Doubles Round of 64<br>Men's & Women's Doubles Round of 64<br>Mixed Doubles Round of 32                                |
| 23 April | 10:00<br>13:20<br>16:40<br>17:25<br>18:10<br>19:50 | Women's Singles Round of 128<br>Men's Singles Round of 128<br>Women's Doubles Round of 32<br>Men's Doubles Round of 32<br>Women's Singles Round of 64<br>Men's Singles Round of 64 |



|          |       |                                                |
|----------|-------|------------------------------------------------|
| 24 April | 10:00 | Mixed Doubles Round of 16                      |
|          | 11:00 | Women's Singles Round of 32                    |
|          | 13:00 | Men's Singles Round of 32                      |
|          | 16:00 | Men's Singles Round of 32                      |
|          | 18:00 | Women's Doubles Round of 16                    |
|          | 18:45 | Men's Doubles Round of 16                      |
|          | 19:45 | Mixed Doubles Quarterfinals                    |
| 25 April | 20:30 | Women's Singles Round of 16                    |
|          | 10:00 | Men's Singles Round of 16                      |
|          | 16:00 | Women's Singles Quarterfinals                  |
|          | 18:00 | Men's Doubles Quarterfinals                    |
|          | 19:00 | Women's Doubles Quarterfinals                  |
| 26 April | 20:00 | Mixed Doubles Semifinals                       |
|          | 10:00 | Women's Singles Semifinals                     |
|          | 12:00 | Men's Singles Quarterfinals                    |
|          | 14:00 | Mixed Doubles Final & Award Ceremony           |
|          | 18:00 | Men's Singles Quarterfinals                    |
| 27 April | 20:00 | Men's Doubles Semifinals                       |
|          | 12:00 | Men's Doubles Final                            |
|          | 13:00 | Women's Singles Final                          |
|          | 14:00 | Men's Doubles & Women's Singles Award Ceremony |
|          | 17:00 | Men's Singles Semifinals                       |
| 28 April | 19:00 | Women's Doubles Semifinals                     |
|          | 13:30 | Men's Singles Finals                           |
|          | 14:30 | Women's Doubles Final                          |
|          | 15:30 | Men's Singles & Women's Doubles Award Ceremony |

\*All times in local timing GMT+2

# 2019 WTTC PLAYING SYSTEM

## I. STRUCTURE

- I.1 There will be 5 individual events – Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- I.2 The first round proper of Men's Singles and Women's Singles will have 128 places and the first round proper of Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will have 64 places.
- I.3 Singles events will have 64 seeded players and 64 qualifiers. Doubles events will have 32 seeded pairs and 32 qualifiers.
- I.4 Qualification for singles will comprise groups of 3 or 4. If there are more than 64 groups a knockout round will be played to determine qualifiers. If there are less than 64 groups all group winners will qualify for the main draw together with some second placed players as lucky losers.
- I.5 Qualification for doubles will be by knockout.
- I.6 All singles matches will be best of 7 games. Doubles matches will be best of 5 games in qualification matches and best of 7 games in the main draw.

## 2. DRAW

### 2.1 Singles

- 2.1.1 Singles groups will comprise 3 (or 4) players with each group winner proceeding to a qualification knockout draw (if more than 64 groups) or first round proper. The draw for the groups will use a snake system.
- 2.1.2 The draw for the first round proper will have 2 stages with the first stage split. The initial first stage draw will take place on Friday 19 April 2019 and draw the players seeded 17 – 32 and 33 – 64 into appropriate positions at random. The final first stage draw will occur on Saturday 20 April 2019 (separately from the initial first stage draw) when seeds 1 – 16 will be drawn. Seeds 9 – 16 will be drawn first, followed by seeds 5 – 8, then seeds 3 – 4 and finally seeds 1 and 2.
- 2.1.3 The second stage draws of qualifiers will be drawn following the completion of the qualification rounds and be drawn at random into the remaining 64 positions, subject to clause 2.3.

## **2. DRAW**

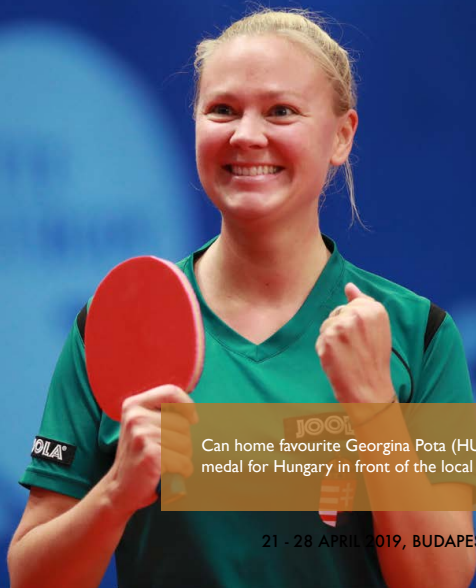
### **2.2 Doubles**

2.2.1 The initial draw for the first round proper will take place on Friday 19 April 2019 when the seeded players will be drawn into appropriate positions.

2.2.2 The second stage draws of qualifiers will be drawn following the completion of the qualification rounds and be drawn at random into the remaining 32 positions, subject to clause 2.3.

2.3 Players of the same Association shall be separated according to 3.6.3.1, 3.6.3.3, 3.6.3.4 and 3.6.3.5 only in preliminary rounds and groups and in the first round of the draw but not in further rounds.

The World Ranking list which will be used for seeding and for the draws shall be the WR to be published in April 2019 (No.4).



Can home favourite Georgina Pota (HUN) bring home a medal for Hungary in front of the local crowd in Budapest?

# PLAYERS TO WATCH (MEN)

## FAN Zhendong (CHN)

WR 1      AGE 22

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Runner-up (2017)

**Fun Fact** Holding the top spot in the Men's World Rankings for 12 consecutive months, top seeded Fan has collected many prestigious trophies in his career including two Men's World Cup titles (2016 & 2018), as well as the recent 2019 Asian Cup.



## XU Xin (CHN)

WR 2      AGE 29

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking penhold

**Best WTTTC Result** Semifinals (2013, 2017)

**Fun Fact** Former World no. 1, winner of three Men's World Cups and 14 ITTF World Tour singles titles, Xu is without doubt one of the finest athletes China has to offer. He is also the leading name in the art of the penhold grip.

## LIN Gaoyuan (CHN)

WR 3      AGE 24

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 16 (2017)

**Fun Fact** Lin has been making significant progress on the World Rankings, with his most recent win being the Hungarian Open earlier this year. He was also a member of the Chinese team that won at the 2018 Team World Cup and 2018 World Team Championships.



## Tomokazu HARIMOTO (JPN)

WR 4      AGE 15

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Quarterfinals (2017)

**Fun Fact** Touted as a Table Tennis prodigy, Harimoto is not only the youngest winner of an ITTF World Tour Men's Singles title but also the youngest winner of the ITTF World Tour Grand Finals. He also became the youngest World Championships quarterfinalist at 13 years old in Düsseldorf in 2017.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH (MEN)

## Timo BOLL (GER)

WR 5      AGE 38

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Semifinals (2011)

**Fun Fact** Boll has 19 World Tour singles gold medals, a record 7 European Championships singles titles, 13 titles at the German National Championships and has also lifted the Men's World Cup trophy twice.



## LEE Sangsu (KOR)

WR 6      AGE 28

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Semifinals (2017)

**Fun Fact** Top player in the Korean team, Lee is a winner of two ITTF World Tour Men's singles titles, and took home Men's Singles bronze 2017. He married his 2013 World Championships Mixed Doubles partner Park Youngsuk in December 2018.

## Hugo CALDERANO (BRA)

WR 7      AGE 22

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 32 (2017)

**Fun Fact** Calderano is the first ever Latin American player to reach the Top 10 ITTF World Rankings. Outside of the sport, he can also solve the Rubik's cube in an average of 11 seconds and has a collection of over 70 cubes in different shapes and sizes.



## Koki NIWA (JPN)

WR 8      AGE 24

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Quarterfinals (2017)

**Fun Fact** Niwa is known for his lightning quick speed around the table and has amassed significant global support with his gold medal successes at a young age at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games and 2011 World Junior Championships.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH (MEN)

## LIANG Jingkun (CHN)

WR 9      AGE 22

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 32 (2015)

**Fun Fact** Making only his second World Championships appearance, Liang is looking to better his third round finish in 2015. Last year he won his first Men's Singles title at the 2018 ITTF World Tour Austrian Open and continues to develop into a major force in the Chinese setup.



## JANG Woojin (KOR)

WR 10      AGE 23

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 32 (2017)

**Fun Fact** Jang became the first ever triple Champion at an ITTF World Tour event when he won Men's Singles, Men's Doubles with Lim Jonghoon (KOR), and Mixed Doubles with DPR Korea's Cha Hyo Sim at the 2018 Korean Open.

## MA Long (CHN)

WR 11      AGE 30

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Champion (2015, 2017)

**Fun Fact** While he was kept out of competing for most of 2018 due to a knee injury, the Dragon marked his comeback with a win in the recently concluded ITTF World Tour Qatar Open. Outside of his successful career, Ma also welcomed a baby boy to his family in December 2017.



## Dimitrij OVTCHAROV (GER)

WR 12      AGE 30

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 16 (2009, 2011, 2013)

**Fun Fact** Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Boll as one of Germany's finest-ever competitors, Ovtcharov is a two-time European champion, winner of nine ITTF World Tour Men's Singles titles and became only the second player from his country to be named World no.1 in January 2018.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH (MEN)

## Jun MIZUTANI (JPN)

WR 13 AGE 29

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Quarterfinals (2011, 2015)

**Fun Fact** Ten times winner of the All Japan National Championships, Jun Mizutani toppled some of the sport's finest players over the years and became the first table tennis player from Japan to win a singles medal at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.



## WONG Chun Ting (HKG)

WR 14 AGE 27

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking penhold

**Best WTTTC Result** Quarterfinals (2017)

**Fun Fact** Taking up the sport aged six the Hong Kong star has gone on to become one of the top penhold grip players the sport has to offer. His biggest success in singles to date came at the 2016 Men's World Cup, reaching the third step of the podium.

## Liam PITCHFORD (ENG)

WR 15 AGE 25

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 32 (2015)

**Fun Fact** On the back of a string of fine performances Pitchford achieved a personal best ranking in April 2019, rising to 15th position. He was also a key player in England's famous bronze medal finishes at the 2016 World Team Championships and 2018 Team World Cup.



## Mattias FALCK (SWE)

WR 16 AGE 27

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 32 (2017)

**Fun Fact** Twice a medallist on the continental stage the short pimple player has gone on to establish himself as one of the world's top names. Falck helped his native Sweden to a bronze medal finish at the 2018 World Team Championships and recently took home the runner-up medal at the ITTF Challenge Plus Oman Open.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH (MEN)

## Vladimir SAMSONOV (BLR)

WR 19      AGE 43

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Runner-up (1997)

**Fun Fact** The evergreen legend of table tennis, Samsonov holds the record number of 27 World Tour Singles titles won, alongside Ma Long. He was awarded the order of honour by the President of Belarus in 2017 for his achievements in sports.



## Quadri ARUNA (NGR)

WR 23      AGE 30

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 64 (2017)

**Fun Fact** Aruna became the first African to reach the quarterfinals at the Olympic table tennis event when he shocked several big names of the sport in Rio 2016. He won the ITTF Male Table Tennis Star award in 2014.

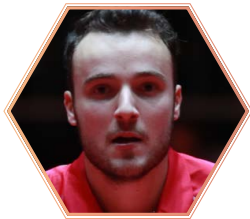
## Sathiyam GNANASEKARAN (IND)

WR 28      AGE 26

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 64 (2015)

**Fun Fact** The highest ranked player on the Indian team, Gnanasekaran was a key member of the Indian men's team that won Gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. He also shocked world #14 Wong Chun Ting at the recent 2019 ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup to finish number six.



## Simon GAUZY (FRA)

WR 34      AGE 24

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 64 (2013, 2015, 2017)

**Fun Fact** Top player in the French team, Gauzy achieved his first major breakthrough when he reached the finals at the 2016 ITTF-European Championships for the first time. he became a father this year, after his son was born in January.





Japanese wonderkid Tomokazu Harimoto (JPN) made history to become the youngest ever World Championships quarterfinalist at 13 years old in 2017 on debut.

How far can he go this time in Budapest?

# PLAYER INFO - 64 MEN'S SEEDS

| Seed | Player               | Assoc. | Age | WR | Playing Style            |
|------|----------------------|--------|-----|----|--------------------------|
| 1    | FAN Zhendong         | CHN    | 22  | 1  | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 2    | XU Xin               | CHN    | 29  | 2  | Left, Penhold, Attack    |
| 3    | LIN Gaoyuan          | CHN    | 24  | 3  | Left, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 4    | Tomokazu HARIMOTO    | JPN    | 15  | 4  | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 5    | Timo BOLL            | GER    | 38  | 5  | Left, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 6    | LEE Sangsu           | KOR    | 28  | 6  | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 7    | Hugo CALDERANO       | BRA    | 22  | 7  | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 8    | Koki NIWA            | JPN    | 24  | 8  | Left, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 9    | LIANG Jingkun        | CHN    | 22  | 9  | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 10   | JANG Woojin          | KOR    | 23  | 10 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 11   | MA Long              | CHN    | 30  | 11 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 12   | Dimitrij OVTCHAROV   | GER    | 30  | 12 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 13   | Jun MIZUTANI         | JPN    | 29  | 13 | Left, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 14   | WONG Chun Ting       | HKG    | 27  | 14 | Right, Penhold, Attack   |
| 15   | Liam PITCHFORD       | ENG    | 25  | 15 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 16   | Mattias FALCK        | SWE    | 27  | 16 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 17   | Patrick FRANZISKA    | GER    | 26  | 18 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 18   | Vladimir SAMSONOV    | BLR    | 43  | 19 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 19   | CHUANG Chih-Yuan     | TPE    | 38  | 20 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 20   | LIN Yun-Ju           | TPE    | 17  | 21 | Left, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 21   | JEOUNG Youngsik      | KOR    | 27  | 22 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 22   | Quadri ARUNA         | NGR    | 30  | 23 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |
| 23   | Marcos FREITAS       | POR    | 31  | 26 | Left, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 24   | Sathyan GNANASEKARAN | IND    | 26  | 28 | Right, Shakehand, Attack |

\* Player list is accurate as of date of publication

# PLAYER INFO - 64 MEN'S SEEDS

| Seed | Player                | Assoc. | Age | WR  | Playing Style             |
|------|-----------------------|--------|-----|-----|---------------------------|
| 25   | Daniel HABESOHN       | AUT    | 32  | 29  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 26   | CHEN Chien-An         | TPE    | 27  | 30  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 27   | Emmanuel LEBESSON     | FRA    | 30  | 31  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 28   | Kristian KARLSSON     | SWE    | 27  | 32  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 29   | Simon GAUZY           | FRA    | 24  | 34  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 30   | Tristan FLORE **      | FRA    | 24  | 103 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 31   | Jonathan GROTH        | DEN    | 26  | 36  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 32   | Sharath Kamal ACHANTA | IND    | 36  | 37  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 33   | Kanak JHA             | USA    | 18  | 38  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 34   | Ovidiu IONESCU        | ROU    | 29  | 39  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 35   | Gustavo TSUBOI        | BRA    | 33  | 40  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 36   | Darko JORGIC          | SLO    | 20  | 41  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 37   | Bojan TOKIC           | SLO    | 38  | 42  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 38   | Masataka MORIZONO     | JPN    | 24  | 45  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 39   | Panagiotis GIONIS     | GRE    | 39  | 46  | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 40   | Omar ASSAR            | EGY    | 27  | 47  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 41   | Robert GARDOS         | AUT    | 40  | 48  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 42   | Kazuhiro YOSHIMURA    | JPN    | 22  | 50  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 43   | Alvaro ROBLES         | ESP    | 27  | 51  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 44   | Lubomir PISTEJ        | SVK    | 35  | 52  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 45   | Kirill GERASSIMENKO   | KAZ    | 22  | 53  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 46   | Tiago APOLONIA        | POR    | 32  | 54  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 47   | Cedric NUYTINCK       | BEL    | 26  | 55  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 48   | Joao MONTEIRO **      | POR    | 35  | 173 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |

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\*\* Special seeding

# PLAYER INFO - 64 MEN'S SEEDS

| Seed | Player            | Assoc. | Age | WR | Playing Style             |
|------|-------------------|--------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| 49   | WANG Yang         | SVK    | 24  | 57 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 50   | Tomislav PUCAR    | CRO    | 23  | 58 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 51   | Nima ALAMIAN      | IRI    | 26  | 60 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 52   | Stefan FEGERL     | AUT    | 30  | 61 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 53   | Pavel SIRUCEK     | CZE    | 26  | 62 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 54   | Noshad ALAMIYAN   | IRI    | 27  | 63 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 55   | Alexander SHIBAEV | RUS    | 28  | 65 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 56   | Can AKKUZU        | FRA    | 21  | 66 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 57   | KOU Lei           | UKR    | 31  | 68 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 58   | Jon PERSSON       | SWE    | 32  | 70 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 59   | Benedek OLAH      | FIN    | 28  | 72 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 60   | Niagol STOYANOV   | ITA    | 31  | 73 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 61   | Eric JOUTI        | BRA    | 24  | 74 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 62   | Kirill SKACHKOV   | RUS    | 31  | 75 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 63   | Lubomir JANCARIK  | CZE    | 31  | 78 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 64   | HO Kwan Kit       | HKG    | 22  | 79 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |

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2011 Champion, 2015 Champion, 2017 Champion

Can Grand Slam Champion Ding Ning (CHN) take her fourth Women's Singles crown in Budapest?

# PLAYERS TO WATCH (WOMEN)

## DING Ning (CHN)

WR 1 AGE 28

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Champion (2011, 2015, 2017)

**Fun Fact** Ding is known for her tomahawk squat service technique and excels in counter top spin play. The Grand Slam Champion will be fighting for her fourth World Championships Singles title in Budapest.



## CHEN Meng (CHN)

WR 3 AGE 25

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Quarterfinals (2017)

**Fun Fact** One of the top stars on the Chinese team, Chen secured her spot in Budapest after finishing first at the "2019 Marvellous 12" qualification tournament. She won the ITTF World Tour Grand Finals in 2017 & 2018.

## WANG Manyu (CHN)

WR 4 AGE 20

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Debut

**Fun Fact** Two-time World Junior Champion (2014 & 2015), Wang is one of the rising stars in table tennis. The 20-year-old already has five ITTF World Tour singles titles to her name, with her latest victory at the 2019 ITTF Qatar Open in March.



## LIU Shiwen (CHN)

WR 5 AGE 28

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Runner-up (2013, 2015)

**Fun Fact** One of the most successful players in ITTF World Cup history, Liu has won four Women's World Cup titles. She will be aiming to make her breakthrough in Budapest to take the title after finishing second twice in 2013 & 2015.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH (WOMEN)

## Kasumi ISHIKAWA (JPN)

WR 6      AGE 26

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Quarterfinals (2009, 2017)

**Fun Fact** Ishikawa took gold in the Mixed Doubles with teammate Maharu Yoshimura at the 2017 World Championships, and was part of the Japanese women's team that took silver at London 2012, and bronze at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.



## Mima ITO (JPN)

WR 7      AGE 18

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Quarterfinals (2015)

**Fun Fact** Ito became the youngest player to ever win an Olympic table tennis medal after taking team bronze at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. She was named the Female MVP at the 2018 World Team Championships, winning all her eight matches in Halmstad.

## CHENG I-Ching (TPE)

WR 8      AGE 27

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 16 (2015)

**Fun Fact** Backbone of the Chinese Taipei team, Cheng made a major career breakthrough when she took silver at the 2016 Women's World Cup. She moved on to secure two more bronze medals in 2017 & 2018.



## Miu HIRANO (JPN)

WR 9      AGE 19

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Semifinals (2017)

**Fun Fact** Hirano made history in 2017 securing Japan's first World Championships medal since 1975 when she took bronze in 2017. She is also the first and only non-Chinese Women's World Cup Champion when she won in 2016 to become the youngest ever ITTF World Cup Champion.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH (WOMEN)

## FENG Tianwei (SGP)

WR 10      AGE 32

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Quarterfinals (2015, 2017)

**Fun Fact** Feng led Singapore to a historic gold at the 2010 World Team Table Tennis Championships against China, breaking Chinese dominance since 1993. She has been a constant name in the world top 10 since 2008, after making her international debut in 2007.



## SUH Hyowon (KOR)

WR 11      AGE 31

**Playing Style** Right handed defensive shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 16 (2013)

**Fun Fact** Dubbed the "Dancing Queen" for her footwork and graceful defensive moves on the table, Suh is one of the leading table tennis names in the Korean team. She is part of the Unified Korean team that took bronze at the 2018 World Team Championships.

## DOO Hoi Kem (HKG)

WR 12      AGE 22

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 32 (2015)

**Fun Fact** Doo has been a leading name in world table tennis from a young age, having four World Championship medals in her collection of silverware, having won Mixed Doubles bronze twice and helping Hong Kong to two Women's Team podium finishes.



## Hitomi SATO (JPN)

WR 13      AGE 21

**Playing Style** Right handed defensive shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 32 (2017)

**Fun Fact** One of Japan's top defensive players, Sato has an ITTF World Tour singles title to her name as well as three ITTF Challenge Series golds. This marks Sato's second appearance at the World Championships, having reached the third round two years ago in Düsseldorf.



# PLAYERS TO WATCH (WOMEN)

## KIM Song I (PRK)

WR 16 AGE 24

**Playing Style** Right handed defensive shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 16 (2017)

**Fun Fact** At the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, Kim guided DPR Korea to its fourth Women's Singles medal in the history of the event, claiming bronze on her birthday. She was also a part of sporting history, representing the United Korean team at the 2018 World Team Championships.



## Bernadette SZOCS (ROU)

WR 17 AGE 23

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 64 (2015, 2017)

**Fun Fact** Her standout career moment came last year in Montreux where she became the first Romanian to lift the Europe Top 16 Cup in 23 years. Szocs is the highest ranked European player in the Women's World Rankings, occupying 17th position.

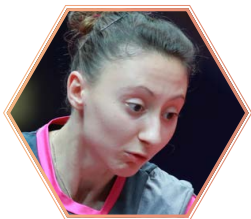
## Sofia POLCANOVA (AUT)

WR 19 AGE 24

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 64 (2017)

**Fun Fact** Making her World Championships debut aged 12, Polcanova is now one of the finest players in Europe, securing a top four finish at the 2018 European Championships and has represented Austria at the Women's World Cup and Olympic Games.



## JEON Jihee (KOR)

WR 20 AGE 26

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Debut

**Fun Fact** Winning her first senior title in 2011, Jeon has gone on to amass four ITTF World Tour Women's Singles titles. Last year, she achieved a bronze medal with the Unified Korean team at the 2018 World Team Championships and was a semifinalist at the 2018 Asian Games.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH (WOMEN)

## Petrissa SOLJA (GER)

WR 23      AGE 25

**Playing Style** Left handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 64 (2015, 2017)

**Fun Fact** Champion at the 2019 ITTF-Europe Top 16 Cup earlier this year, Solja is one of the top players in Germany. She was part of the German team that took home silver at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.



## SUN Yingsha (CHN)

WR 29      AGE 18

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Debut

**Fun Fact** Sun rose to international attention when she shocked several top stars of the sport to win gold at the 2017 ITTF World Tour Japan Open on her senior debut. She claimed the Girls' Singles gold & the Mixed Team gold together with compatriot Wang Chuqin at the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

## Adriana DIAZ (PUR)

WR 31      AGE 18

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 64 (2017)

**Fun Fact** Coming from a table tennis family, Diaz is currently the highest ranked female player in Latin America. She won gold at the 2019 ITTF-Pan American Cup on home soil earlier this year, and is also the reigning Pan American Champion.



## Georgina POTA (HUN)

WR 32      AGE 34

**Playing Style** Right handed attacking shakehand

**Best WTTTC Result** Round of 32 (2005)

**Fun Fact** Top Hungarian player, and one of the best in Europe, Pota has been named Hungarian table tennis player of the year for several years. She was part of the Hungarian team that won gold at the European Championships in 2007.



Eyes on the medals, can European top star Bernadette Szocs (ROU) secure a spot on the podium after a breakthrough year in 2018?

# PLAYER INFO - 64 WOMEN'S SEEDS

| Seed | Player               | Assoc. | Age | WR | Playing Style             |
|------|----------------------|--------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| 1    | DING Ning            | CHN    | 28  | 1  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 2    | CHEN Meng            | CHN    | 25  | 3  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 3    | WANG Manyu           | CHN    | 20  | 4  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 4    | LIU Shiwen           | CHN    | 28  | 5  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 5    | Kasumi ISHIKAWA      | JPN    | 26  | 6  | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 6    | Mima ITO             | JPN    | 18  | 7  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 7    | CHENG I-Ching        | TPE    | 27  | 8  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 8    | Miu HIRANO           | JPN    | 19  | 9  | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 9    | FENG Tianwei         | SGP    | 32  | 10 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 10   | SUH Hyowon           | KOR    | 31  | 11 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 11   | DOO Hoi Kem          | HKG    | 22  | 12 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 12   | Hitomi SATO          | JPN    | 21  | 13 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 13   | KIM Song I           | PRK    | 24  | 16 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 14   | Bernadette SZOCS     | ROU    | 23  | 17 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 15   | Sofia POLCANOVA      | AUT    | 24  | 19 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 16   | JEON Jihee           | KOR    | 26  | 20 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 17   | Elizabeta SAMARA     | ROU    | 29  | 21 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 18   | Miyu KATO            | JPN    | 20  | 22 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 19   | Petrissa SOLJA       | GER    | 25  | 23 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 20   | CHEN Szu-Yu          | TPE    | 25  | 24 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 21   | ZHANG Mo             | CAN    | 30  | 25 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 22   | LI Jie               | NED    | 35  | 27 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 23   | Suthasini SAWETTABUT | THA    | 24  | 28 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 24   | SUN Yingsha          | CHN    | 18  | 29 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |

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# PLAYER INFO - 64 WOMEN'S SEEDS

| Seed | Player             | Assoc. | Age | WR | Playing Style             |
|------|--------------------|--------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| 25   | Matilda EKHOLM     | SWE    | 36  | 30 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 26   | Adriana DIAZ       | PUR    | 18  | 31 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 27   | Georgina POTA      | HUN    | 34  | 32 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 28   | LEE Ho Ching       | HKG    | 26  | 35 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 29   | LI Qian            | POL    | 32  | 40 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 30   | SOO Wai Yam Minnie | HKG    | 21  | 41 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 31   | Britt EERLAND      | NED    | 25  | 42 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 32   | WU Yue             | USA    | 29  | 44 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 33   | NI Xia Lian        | LUX    | 55  | 46 | Left, Penhold, Attack     |
| 34   | Dina MESHREF       | EGY    | 25  | 48 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 35   | Polina MIKHAILOVA  | RUS    | 32  | 49 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 36   | Nina MITTELHAM     | GER    | 22  | 50 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 37   | Barbora BALAZOVA   | SVK    | 27  | 51 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 38   | LIN Ye             | SGP    | 23  | 52 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 39   | CHENG Hsien-Tzu    | TPE    | 26  | 53 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 40   | Maria XIAO         | ESP    | 24  | 54 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 41   | Margaryta PESOTSKA | UKR    | 27  | 55 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 42   | Manika BATRA       | IND    | 23  | 56 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 43   | NG Wing Nam        | HKG    | 26  | 57 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 44   | Sabine WINTER      | GER    | 26  | 58 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 45   | Hana MATELOVA      | CZE    | 28  | 59 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 46   | Yana NOSKOVA       | RUS    | 25  | 60 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 47   | Szandra PERGEL     | HUN    | 30  | 62 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 48   | Ganna GAPONOVA     | UKR    | 33  | 63 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |

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# PLAYER INFO - 64 WOMEN'S SEEDS

| Seed | Player                | Assoc. | Age | WR | Playing Style             |
|------|-----------------------|--------|-----|----|---------------------------|
| 49   | Bruna TAKAHASHI       | BRA    | 18  | 64 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 50   | Amelie SOLJA          | AUT    | 28  | 65 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 51   | LIU Jia               | AUT    | 37  | 67 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 52   | Natalia PARTYKA       | POL    | 29  | 69 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 53   | Dora MADARASZ         | HUN    | 26  | 70 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 54   | Sarah DE NUTTE        | LUX    | 26  | 71 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 55   | Lily ZHANG            | USA    | 22  | 72 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 56   | Alex GALIC            | SLO    | 24  | 74 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 57   | Dana CECHOVA          | CZE    | 35  | 75 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 58   | LEE Zion              | KOR    | 22  | 76 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 59   | Galia DVORAK          | ESP    | 31  | 78 | Right, Shakehand, Attack  |
| 60   | CHOI Hyojoo           | KOR    | 21  | 80 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 61   | CHA Hyo Sim           | PRK    | 25  | 81 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |
| 62   | Linda BERGSTROM       | SWE    | 24  | 82 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 63   | Tetyana BILENKO       | UKR    | 35  | 83 | Right, Shakehand, Defence |
| 64   | Stephanie LOEUILLETTE | FRA    | 26  | 86 | Left, Shakehand, Attack   |

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First ever Latin American player to break into the Top 10 on the ITTF World Ranking, can Hugo Calderano (BRA) make another breakthrough at the Liebherr 2019 World Table Tennis Championships?

# MEN'S DOUBLES SEEDS

| Seed | Player 1                  | Assoc. | Player 2                  | Assoc. |
|------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| 1    | Masataka MORIZONO         | JPN    | Yuya OSHIMA               | JPN    |
| 2    | HO Kwan Kit               | HKG    | WONG Chun Ting            | HKG    |
| 3    | JEOUNG Youngsik           | KOR    | LEE Sangsu                | KOR    |
| 4    | Mattias FALCK             | SWE    | Kristian KARLSSON         | SWE    |
| 5    | Nandor ECSEKI             | HUN    | Adam SZUDI                | HUN    |
| 6    | CHEN Chien-An             | TPE    | CHUANG Chih-Yuan          | TPE    |
| 7    | Ovidiu IONESCU            | ROU    | Alvaro ROBLES             | ESP    |
| 8    | LIANG Jingkun             | CHN    | LIN Gaoyuan               | CHN    |
| 9    | LAM Siu Hang              | HKG    | NG Pak Nam                | HKG    |
| 10   | Martin ALLEGRO            | BEL    | Florent LAMBIET           | BEL    |
| 11   | Timo BOLL                 | GER    | Patrick FRANZISKA         | GER    |
| 12   | JANG Woojin               | KOR    | PARK Ganghyeon            | KOR    |
| 13   | LIN Yun-Ju                | TPE    | WANG Tai-Wei              | TPE    |
| 14   | Robert GARDOS             | AUT    | Daniel HABESOHN           | AUT    |
| 15   | Jonathan GROTH            | DEN    | Liam PITCHFORD            | ENG    |
| 16   | Tomokazu HARIMOTO         | JPN    | Yuto KIZUKURI             | JPN    |
| 17   | Eric JOUTI                | BRA    | Gustavo TSUBOI            | BRA    |
| 18   | MA Long                   | CHN    | WANG Chuqin               | CHN    |
| 19   | Marek BADOWSKI            | POL    | Patryk ZATOWKA            | POL    |
| 20   | Sharath Kamal ACHANTA     | IND    | Sathian GNANASEKARAN      | IND    |
| 21   | Robin DEVOS               | BEL    | Cedric NUYTINCK           | BEL    |
| 22   | Tristan FLORE             | FRA    | Emmanuel LEBESSON         | FRA    |
| 23   | Paul DRINKHALL            | ENG    | Samuel WALKER             | ENG    |
| 24   | Mohamed EL-BEIALI         | EGY    | Ahmed SALEH               | EGY    |
| 25   | Marcelo AGUIRRE           | PAR    | Alejandro TORANZOS        | PAR    |
| 26   | Pavel PLATONOV            | BLR    | Vladimir SAMSONOV         | BLR    |
| 27   | Samuel KALUZNY            | SVK    | Lubomir PISTEJ            | SVK    |
| 28   | Padasak TANVIRIYAVECHAKUL | THA    | Supanut WISUTMAYTHANGKOON | THA    |
| 29   | Heming HU                 | AUS    | Kane TOWNSEND             | AUS    |
| 30   | Amalraj ANTHONY           | IND    | Manav Vikash THAKKAR      | IND    |
| 31   | Vitor ISHIY               | BRA    | Thiago MONTEIRO           | BRA    |
| 32   | Anton KALLBERG            | SWE    | Truls MOREGARD            | SWE    |



# WOMEN'S DOUBLES SEEDS

| Seed | Player 1          | Assoc. | Player 2                | Assoc. |
|------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1    | Hina HAYATA       | JPN    | Mima ITO                | JPN    |
| 2    | SUN Yingsha       | CHN    | WANG Manyu              | CHN    |
| 3    | Honoka HASHIMOTO  | JPN    | Hitomi SATO             | JPN    |
| 4    | CHEN Meng         | CHN    | ZHU Yuling              | CHN    |
| 5    | DOO Hoi Kem       | HKG    | LEE Ho Ching            | HKG    |
| 6    | NG Wing Nam       | HKG    | SOO Wai Yam Minnie      | HKG    |
| 7    | Barbora BALAZOVA  | SVK    | Hana MATELOVA           | CZE    |
| 8    | Elizabeta SAMARA  | ROU    | Bernadette SZOCS        | ROU    |
| 9    | JEON Jihee        | KOR    | LEE Zion                | KOR    |
| 10   | Matilda EKHOLM    | SWE    | Georgina POTA           | HUN    |
| 11   | WU Yue            | USA    | Lily ZHANG              | USA    |
| 12   | CHENG Hsien-Tzu   | TPE    | LIU Hsing-Yin           | TPE    |
| 13   | Dora MADARASZ     | HUN    | Szandra PERGEL          | HUN    |
| 14   | Kristin LANG      | GER    | Nina MITTELHAM          | GER    |
| 15   | Petrissa SOLJA    | GER    | Sabine WINTER           | GER    |
| 16   | CHA Hyo Sim       | PRK    | KIM Nam Hae             | PRK    |
| 17   | Yana NOSKOVA      | RUS    | Sofia POLCANOVA         | AUT    |
| 18   | Sarah DE NUTTE    | LUX    | NI Xia Lian             | LUX    |
| 19   | Manika BATRA      | IND    | Archana Girish KAMATH   | IND    |
| 20   | Natalia BAJOR     | POL    | Natalia PARTYKA         | POL    |
| 21   | Maria XIAO        | ESP    | ZHANG Mo                | CAN    |
| 22   | Farah ABDEL-AZIZ  | EGY    | Reem EL-ERAKY           | EGY    |
| 23   | Yousra HELMY      | EGY    | Dina MESHREF            | EGY    |
| 24   | LI Qian           | POL    | LI Jie                  | NED    |
| 25   | Michelle BROMLEY  | AUS    | Melissa TAPPER          | AUS    |
| 26   | LIN Ye            | SGP    | ZHANG Wanling           | SGP    |
| 27   | CHEN Szu-Yu       | TPE    | CHENG I-Ching           | TPE    |
| 28   | Orawan PARANANG   | THA    | Suthasini SAWETTABUT    | THA    |
| 29   | Galia DVORAK      | ESP    | ZHANG Xuan              | ESP    |
| 30   | Adriana DIAZ      | PUR    | Melanie DIAZ            | PUR    |
| 31   | Pauline CHASSELIN | FRA    | Laura GASNIER           | FRA    |
| 32   | Adina DIACONU     | ROU    | Daniela MONTEIRO DODEAN | ROU    |

Recovering from 0-2 down to win 4-3 against Chinese Taipei duo Chen Chien-An & Cheng I-Ching in the Mixed Doubles Final in 2017, Japanese pair Maharu Yoshimura & Kasumi Ishikawa made history to claim Japan's first World Championships gold since Seiji Ono won the Men's Singles title in 1979 in Pyongyang.

Can they defend their title in Budapest?



# MIXED DOUBLES SEEDS

| Seed | Player 1                  | Assoc. | Player 2             | Assoc. |
|------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1    | WONG Chun Ting            | HKG    | DOO Hoi Kem          | HKG    |
| 2    | Maharu YOSHIMURA          | JPN    | Kasumi ISHIKAWA      | JPN    |
| 3    | XU Xin                    | CHN    | LIU Shiwen           | CHN    |
| 4    | Masataka MORIZONO         | JPN    | Mima ITO             | JPN    |
| 5    | LEE Sangsu                | KOR    | JEON Jihee           | KOR    |
| 6    | LIN Yun-Ju                | TPE    | CHENG I-Ching        | TPE    |
| 7    | Lubomir PISTEJ            | SVK    | Barbora BALAZOVA     | SVK    |
| 8    | HO Kwan Kit               | HKG    | LEE Ho Ching         | HKG    |
| 9    | Alvaro ROBLES             | ESP    | Galia DVORAK         | ESP    |
| 10   | JANG Woojin               | KOR    | CHOI Hyojoo          | KOR    |
| 11   | Stefan FEGEEL             | AUT    | Sofia POLCANOVA      | AUT    |
| 12   | Patrick FRANZISKA         | GER    | Petrissa SOLJA       | GER    |
| 13   | Adam SZUDI                | HUN    | Szandra PERGEL       | HUN    |
| 14   | Mattias FALCK             | SWE    | Matilda EKHOLM       | SWE    |
| 15   | Ovidiu IONESCU            | ROU    | Bernadette SZOCS     | ROU    |
| 16   | Tristan FLORE             | FRA    | Laura GASNIER        | FRA    |
| 17   | Kanak JHA                 | USA    | WUYue                | USA    |
| 18   | HAM Yu Song               | PRK    | CHA Hyo Sim          | PRK    |
| 19   | Brian AFANADOR            | PUR    | Adriana DIAZ         | PUR    |
| 20   | Cedric NUYTINCK           | BEL    | Lisa LUNG            | BEL    |
| 21   | Segun TORIOLA             | NGR    | Olufunke OSHONAIKE   | NGR    |
| 22   | Laurens TROMER            | NED    | Britt EERLAND        | NED    |
| 23   | Heming HU                 | AUS    | Melissa TAPPER       | AUS    |
| 24   | Omar ASSAR                | EGY    | Dina MESHREF         | EGY    |
| 25   | Aleksandar KARAKASEVIC    | SRB    | Izabela LUPULESKU    | SRB    |
| 26   | Alexander SHIBAEV         | RUS    | Polina MIKHAILOVA    | RUS    |
| 27   | Sharath Kamal ACHANTA     | IND    | Manika BATRA         | IND    |
| 28   | Kane TOWNSEND             | AUS    | Michelle BROMLEY     | AUS    |
| 29   | Padasak TANVIRIYAVECHAKUL | THA    | Suthasini SAWETTABUT | THA    |
| 30   | Nandor ECSEKI             | HUN    | Dora MADARASZ        | HUN    |
| 31   | Gaston ALTO               | ARG    | Ana CODINA           | ARG    |
| 32   | Khalid ASSAR              | EGY    | Yousra HELMY         | EGY    |

# WTTC TROPHIES & HISTORY

## **MEN'S SINGLES - ST BRIDE VASE**

The prestigious St. Bride vase, awarded to the Men's Singles World Champion, was donated by C. Corti Woodcock, who was a member of the St. Bride Table Tennis Club in London in 1929, in honour of Fred Perry winning the title at the 1929 World Championships in Budapest.



## **WOMEN'S SINGLES - GEIST PRIZE**

The Geist Prize awarded to the Women's Singles Championship was donated in 1931 by President of the Hungarian Table Tennis Association, Dr. Gaspar Geist.



## **MEN'S DOUBLES - IRAN CUP**

The Iran Cup awarded to the Men's Doubles World Champions, was donated at the 1947 World Championships by the Shah of Iran.



## **WOMEN'S DOUBLES - W J POPE TROPHY**

The W.J. Pope Trophy awarded to the Women's Doubles World Champions, was donated in 1948 by W.J. Pope of England, who at the time was the ITTF Honorary General Secretary.



## **MIXED DOUBLES - HEYDUSEK CUP**

The Heydusek Cup awarded to the Mixed Doubles World Champions was donated in 1948 by the Secretary of the Czechoslovakia Association, Zdenek Heydusek.

# REIGNING WORLD CHAMPIONS



**MEN'S SINGLES**  
MA LONG (CHN)



**WOMEN'S SINGLES**  
DING NING (CHN)



**MEN'S DOUBLES**  
XU XIN (CHN) /  
FAN ZHENDONG (CHN)



**WOMEN'S DOUBLES**  
DING NING (CHN) /  
LIU SHIWEN (CHN)



**MIXED DOUBLES**  
KASUMI ISHIKAWA (JPN) /  
MAHARU YOSHIMURA (JPN)

# CURRENT WORLD & OLYMPIC MEDALLISTS

## 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

### Men's Singles

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Gold   | MA Long (CHN)      |
| Silver | ZHANG Jike (CHN)   |
| Bronze | Jun MIZUTANI (JPN) |

### Women's Singles

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| Gold   | DING Ning (CHN)  |
| Silver | LI Xiaoxia (CHN) |
| Bronze | KIM Song-I (PRK) |

### Men's Team

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| Gold   | China   |
| Silver | Japan   |
| Bronze | Germany |

### Women's Team

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| Gold   | China   |
| Silver | Germany |
| Bronze | Japan   |

## 2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

### Men's Singles

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Gold   | MA Long (CHN)      |
| Silver | FAN Zhendong (CHN) |
| Bronze | XU Xin (CHN)       |
| Bronze | LEE Sangsu (KOR)   |

### Women's Singles

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| Gold   | DING Ning (CHN)  |
| Silver | ZHU Yuling (CHN) |
| Bronze | Miu HIRANO (JPN) |
| Bronze | LIU Shiwen (CHN) |

### Men's Doubles

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Gold   | FAN Zhendong / XU Xin (CHN)           |
| Silver | Masataka MORIZONO / Yuya OSHIMA (JPN) |
| Bronze | JEOUNG Youngsik / LEE Sangsu (KOR)    |
| Bronze | Koki NIWA / Maharu YOSHIMURA (JPN)    |

### Women's Doubles

|        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| Gold   | DING Ning / LIU Shiwen (CHN)   |
| Silver | CHEN Meng / ZHU Yuling (CHN)   |
| Bronze | FENG Tianwei / YU Mengyu (SGP) |
| Bronze | Hina HAYATA / Mima ITO (JPN)   |

### Mixed Doubles

|        |                                          |
|--------|------------------------------------------|
| Gold   | Maharu YOSHIMURA / Kasumi ISHIKAWA (JPN) |
| Silver | CHEN Chien-An / CHENG I-Ching (TPE)      |
| Bronze | FANG Bo (CHN) / Petrissa SOLJA (GER)     |
| Bronze | WONG Chun Ting / DOO Hoi Kem (HKG)       |

# PAST WORLD CHAMPIONS

| YEAR | CITY       | MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION | ASSOC. | WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION   | ASSOC.    |
|------|------------|------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 2017 | Dusseldorf | MA Long                | CHN    | DING Ning                  | CHN       |
| 2015 | Suzhou     | MA Long                | CHN    | DING Ning                  | CHN       |
| 2013 | Paris      | ZHANG Jike             | CHN    | LI Xiaoxia                 | CHN       |
| 2011 | Rotterdam  | ZHANG Jike             | CHN    | DING Ning                  | CHN       |
| 2009 | Yokohama   | WANG Hao               | CHN    | ZHANG Yining               | CHN       |
| 2007 | Zagreb     | WANG Liqin             | CHN    | GUO Yue                    | CHN       |
| 2005 | Shanghai   | WANG Liqin             | CHN    | ZHANG Yining               | CHN       |
| 2003 | Paris      | SCHLAGER Werner        | AUT    | WANG Nan                   | CHN       |
| 2001 | Osaka      | WANG Liqin             | CHN    | WANG Nan                   | CHN       |
| 1999 | Eindhoven  | LIU Guoliang           | CHN    | WANG Nan                   | CHN       |
| 1997 | Manchester | WALDNER Jan-Ove        | SWE    | DENG Yaping                | CHN       |
| 1995 | Tianjin    | KONG Linghui           | CHN    | DENG Yaping                | CHN       |
| 1993 | Gothenburg | GATIEN Jean-Philippe   | FRA    | HYUN Jung Hwa              | KOR       |
| 1991 | Chiba City | PERSSON Jorgen         | SWE    | DENG Yaping                | CHN       |
| 1989 | Dortmund   | WALDNER Jan-Ove        | SWE    | QIAO Hong                  | CHN       |
| 1987 | New Delhi  | JIANG Jialiang         | CHN    | HE Zhili                   | CHN       |
| 1985 | Gothenburg | JIANG Jialiang         | CHN    | CAO Yanhua                 | CHN       |
| 1983 | Tokyo      | GUO Yuehua             | CHN    | CAO Yanhua                 | CHN       |
| 1981 | Novi Sad   | GUO Yuehua             | CHN    | TONG Ling                  | CHN       |
| 1979 | Pyongyang  | ONO Seiji              | JPN    | GE Xinai                   | CHN       |
| 1977 | Birmingham | KOHNO Mitsuro          | JPN    | PAK Yung Sun               | PRK       |
| 1975 | Calcutta   | JONYER Istvan          | HUN    | PAK Yung Sun               | PRK       |
| 1973 | Sarajevo   | XI Enting              | CHN    | HU Yulan                   | CHN       |
| 1971 | Nagoya     | BENGTTSSON Stellan     | SWE    | LIN Huiqing                | CHN       |
| 1969 | Munich     | ITOH Shigeo            | JPN    | KOWADA Toshiko             | JPN       |
| 1967 | Stockholm  | HASEGAWA Nobuhiko      | JPN    | MORISAWA Sachiko           | JPN       |
| 1965 | Ljubljana  | ZHUANG Zedong          | CHN    | FUKATSU Naoko              | JPN       |
| 1963 | Prague     | ZHUANG Zedong          | CHN    | MATSUZAKI Kimiyo           | JPN       |
| 1961 | Beijing    | ZHUANG Zedong          | CHN    | QIU Zhonghui               | CHN       |
| 1959 | Dortmund   | RONG Guotuan           | CHN    | MATSUZAKI Kimiyo           | JPN       |
| 1957 | Stockholm  | TANAKA Toshiaki        | JPN    | EGUCHI Fujie               | JPN       |
| 1956 | Tokyo      | OGIMURA Ichiro         | JPN    | OKADA Tomie                | JPN       |
| 1955 | Utrecht    | TANAKA Toshiaki        | JPN    | ROZEANU Angelica           | ROU       |
| 1954 | Wembley    | OGIMURA Ichiro         | JPN    | ROZEANU Angelica           | ROU       |
| 1953 | Bucharest  | SIDO Ferenc            | HUN    | ROZEANU Angelica           | ROU       |
| 1952 | Bombay     | SATOH Hiroji           | JPN    | ROZEANU Angelica           | ROU       |
| 1951 | Vienna     | LEACH Johnny           | ENG    | ROZEANU Angelica           | ROU       |
| 1950 | Budapest   | BERGMANN Richard       | ENG    | ROZEANU Angelica           | ROU       |
| 1949 | Stockholm  | LEACH Johnny           | ENG    | FARKAS Gizella             | HUN       |
| 1948 | Wembley    | BERGMANN Richard       | ENG    | FARKAS Gizella             | HUN       |
| 1947 | Paris      | VANA Bohumil           | TCH    | FARKAS Gizella             | HUN       |
| 1939 | Cairo      | BERGMANN Richard       | ENG    | PRITZI Trude               | AUT       |
| 1938 | Wembley    | VANA Bohumil           | TCH    | AARONS Ruth / PRITZI Trude | USA / AUT |
| 1937 | Baden      | BERGMANN Richard       | AUT    | AARONS Ruth                | USA       |
| 1936 | Prague     | KOLAR Stanislav        | CZE    | AARONS Ruth                | USA       |
| 1935 | Wembley    | BARNA Victor           | HUN    | KETTNEROVA Marie           | CZE       |
| 1934 | Paris      | BARNA Victor           | HUN    | KETTNEROVA Marie           | CZE       |
| 1933 | Baden      | BARNA Victor           | HUN    | SIPOS Anna                 | HUN       |
| 1932 | Prague     | BARNA Victor           | HUN    | SIPOS Anna                 | HUN       |
| 1931 | Budapest   | SZABADOS Miklos        | HUN    | MEDNYANSZKY Maria          | HUN       |
| 1930 | Berlin     | BARNA Victor           | HUN    | MEDNYANSZKY Maria          | HUN       |
| 1929 | Budapest   | PERRY Fred             | ENG    | MEDNYANSZKY Maria          | HUN       |
| 1928 | Stockholm  | MECHLOVITS Zoltan      | HUN    | MEDNYANSZKY Maria          | HUN       |
| 1926 | London     | JACOBI Roland          | HUN    | MEDNYANSZKY Maria          | HUN       |

# SEAMASTER 2019 WORLD TOUR WINNERS

## HUNGARIAN OPEN BUDAPEST, HUN, 17-20 JAN

### Men's Singles

LIN Gaoyuan (CHN)

### Women's Singles

CHEN Meng (CHN)

### Men's Doubles

FAN Zhendong (CHN) /  
LIN Gaoyuan (CHN)

### Women's Doubles

WANG Manyu (CHN) /  
ZHU Yuling (CHN)

### Mixed Doubles

LIU Shiwen (CHN) /  
XU Xin (CHN)

## QATAR OPEN DOHA, HUN, 28-31 MAR

### Men's Singles

MA Long (CHN)

### Women's Singles

WANG Manyu (CHN)

### Men's Doubles

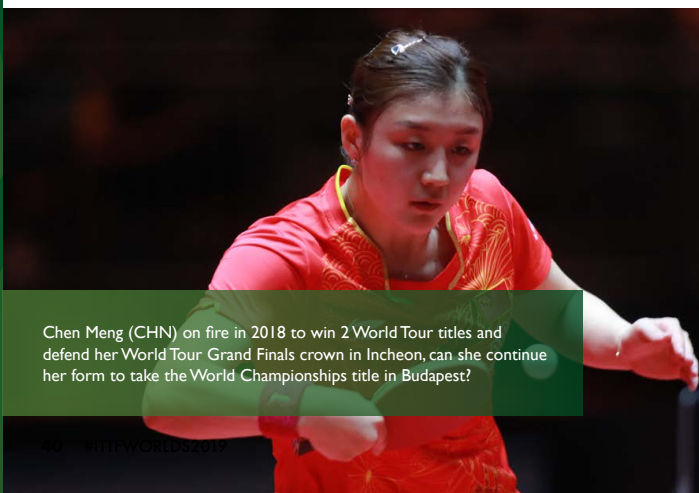
HO Kwan Kit (HKG) /  
WONG Chun Ting (HKG)

### Women's Doubles

SUN Yingsha (CHN) /  
WANG Manyu (CHN)

### Mixed Doubles

LIU Shiwen (CHN) /  
XU Xin (CHN)



Chen Meng (CHN) on fire in 2018 to win 2 World Tour titles and defend her World Tour Grand Finals crown in Incheon, can she continue her form to take the World Championships title in Budapest?



# UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

| FROM   | TO     | CITY              | EVENT                                                   |
|--------|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 25 May | 26 May | Bora Bora (PYF)   | 2019 ITTF-Oceania Cup                                   |
| 28 May | 02 Jun | Shenzhen (CHN)    | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Platinum China Open      |
| 04 Jun | 09 Jun | Hong Kong (HKG)   | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Hong Kong Open           |
| 12 Jun | 16 Jun | Sapporo (JPN)     | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Platinum Japan Open      |
| 02 Jul | 07 Jul | Busan (KOR)       | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Korea Open               |
| 09 Jul | 14 Jul | Geelong (AUS)     | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Platinum Australian Open |
| 18 Jul | 21 Jul | Johor Bahru (MAS) | T2 Diamond                                              |
| 03 Aug | 05 Aug | Lagos (NGR)       | 2019 ITTF-Africa Cup                                    |
| 20 Aug | 25 Aug | Olomouc (CZE)     | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Czech Open               |
| 03 Sep | 08 Sep | Nantes (FRA)      | 2019 ITTF-European Championships                        |
| 03 Sep | 08 Sep | Asuncion (PAR)    | 2019 ITTF-Pan American Championships                    |
| 15 Sep | 22 Sep | Yogyakarta (INA)  | 2019 ITTF-ATTU Asian Championships                      |
| 26 Sep | 29 Sep | Haikou (CHN)      | T2 Diamond                                              |
| 01 Oct | 06 Oct | Stockholm (SWE)   | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Swedish Open             |
| 8 Oct  | 13 Oct | Bremen (GER)      | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Platinum German Open     |
| 18 Oct | 20 Oct | Chengdu (CHN)     | 2019 ITTF Women's World Cup                             |
| 23 Oct | 31 Oct | Cetniewo (POL)    | 2019 ITTF World Cadet Challenge                         |
| 25 Oct | 27 Oct | Chengdu (CHN)     | 2019 ITTF Men's World Cup                               |
| 06 Nov | 10 Nov | Tokyo (JPN)       | 2019 ITTF Team World Cup                                |
| 12 Nov | 17 Nov | Linz (AUT)        | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Platinum Austrian Open   |
| 24 Nov | 01 Dec | Bangkok (THA)     | 2019 World Junior Table Tennis Championships            |
| 28 Nov | 01 Dec | Singapore (SGP)   | T2 Diamond                                              |
| 12 Dec | 15 Dec | TBD               | Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals             |

# #ITTFWORLDS2019 TABLE

Based on the “Rainbow Table” model, the 2019 WTTC show court table is designed with undercarriage insert bases featuring dark green patterns with Hungarian characteristics and the WTTC logo. It is an embodiment of good harmony between a table and the WTTC visual identity design.

Two layers of an insert base make their own patterns clearer and more visualized when combined. In addition, both tabletops and undercarriages have light bars on their back, adjusted to lighting intensity in the arena. A dimmer for its lighting bars will make it better integrated into the settings and overall visual identity design of the arena.

The color of tabletops continues to be black this time, same as that for German WTTC. It contributes to not only a better visual effect but also greater attention of athletes to the white ball and their better performance during matches as black and white are visually in a sharp contrast. Gold, the color of undercarriages, stands for hard work of athletes and their pursuit of gold medals. Also, its metallic feel will enhance the visual effect of the arena.



# 2019 WTTC INTERESTING FACTS

- The last time Budapest hosted the World Table Tennis Championships was in 1950.
- Youngest Women's Singles Champion: Deng Yaping (CHN), 18 years and 90 days old at the 1991 WTTC.
- Youngest Women's Doubles Champion: Deng Yaping (CHN), 16 years and 63 days old at the 1989 WTTC.
- Youngest Men's Singles Champion: Richard Bergmann (AUT), 17 years and 303 days old at the 1937 WTTC.
- Youngest Men's Doubles Champion: Kong Linghui (CHN), 21 years and 201 days old at the 1997 WTTC.
- Youngest Mixed Doubles Champion: Guo Yue (CHN), 16 years and 294 days old at the 2005 WTTC.
- Victor Barna (HUN) holds the Men's Singles record of winning the title five times.
- Angelica Rozeanu (ROU) holds the Women's Singles record winning the title six consecutive times, (1950-1955).
- Victor Barna and Miklos Szabados (HUN) hold the Men's Doubles record winning the title in 6 out of 7 years beginning in 1929. Barna also won in 1933 with Sandor Glancz and again in 1939 with Richard Bergmann.
- Maria Mednyanszky and Anna Sipos (HUN) hold the Women's Doubles record winning the title at 6 consecutive World Championships (1930-1935).
- Maria Mednyanszky partnered with Mechlovits (1926,1928), Szabados (1930,1931,1933) and Kelen (1933) to win the Mixed Doubles World Title a record 6 times.
- Hungary's István Jónyer won the last title for Hungary, when he took Gold in 1975 in Calcutta (IND).
- China's Xu Xin & Korea Republic's Yang Haeun won the Mixed Doubles World Title on their first partnership in 2015 to become the first mixed associations mixed doubles pair to be crowned since 1966.
- China has spawned eleven Men's Singles World Champions, all have been right handers.
- Only three left handers have won the World Championship in Men Singles event: Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) in 1971, Seiji Ono (JPN) in 1979 and Jean-Philippe Gatién, (FRA) in 1993.
- China's Ding Ning will be aiming to be the first Chinese player to win four World Championship singles titles.

# MEDIA GUIDELINES

The media is an essential part of the success of the World Championships, so the ITTF wants to create the best possible atmosphere for the media to work.

In return, the ITTF asks the media to adhere to the below guidelines to ensure that the players, spectators, TV viewers and competition management will also have the best event possible.

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Photographers are only allowed onto the field of play (FoP) with an official bib issued by the organizing committee.
- A bib can be obtained at the welcome desk with a €20 / HUF 6,000 deposit. This bib must be returned at the end of each day.
- Any photographers / accredited press on the FoP without a bib will be asked to leave immediately.
- Only a limited number of photographers will be allowed on the FoP. This will be determined by level of importance, then a first come, first served basis. If you are unable to enter the FoP, the ITTF will provide your agency with the photos that you need. Photographers will be able to take photos from the tribune.
- Only photographers with professional cameras will be given an official bib to enter the FoP.
- As photographers are seen by spectators and on television, they are required to dress presentably whilst on the FoP (collared shirt / blouse, long pants / skirts and covered shoes).
- Each day there will be a diagram indicating where photographers are allowed on the FoP. Photographers found outside this area will be asked to leave the FoP.
- Photographers are required to bring their own stool / chairs onto the FoP and are kindly asked to sit while taking photos.
- Photographers must not bring anything except their camera and one spare lens onto the FoP. No laptop and no bags are permitted.
- Photographers are not allowed to move during or in between points.
- Photographers can only move during time outs and in between games.
- Strictly no flash photography is allowed on the FoP.
- Photographers are not allowed in the mixed zone.
- Photographers are allowed to take photos from the press tribune if they are not disrupting anyone.
- Photographers are only permitted to take still pictures and not videos.
- The Organizing Committee (OC) will provide secured, lockable storage for your equipment.

## MIXED ZONE

The priority for accredited media's access to players and officials in the mixed zone will be as follows:

- Host Broadcaster
- Television Rights holders
- ITTF Interviews
- Televisions Non-rights holders
- Radio Interviews
- Written Press

There will be set areas for each of the above categories, with the higher priority media getting access to the players first.

## FILMING RIGHTS FOR FIELD OF PLAY AND MIXED ZONE

Please find below the explanation of the different material that ENG crews & Video Journalists can or cannot film during the World Championships:

### 1. All Crews Have the Right to Film:

- Press conferences following the Draw and after the main matches (note all filming must be done at the back of the room on the designated platforms).
- Interviews in the mixed zone.
- Private interviews in the interview room.

Non-rights holders may NOT film match action on the FoP. If non-TV rights holders would like to have access to match footages, they must contact ITTF Marketing & Events Manager Mr SEET Cheng Howe: [chenghowe@ittf.com](mailto:chenghowe@ittf.com).

### 2. Rights Holders Have the Right to Film:

- Match action on the FoP, proving they have permission from the HB that they are not disrupting the world feed.
- Presentations, training and warm up on the FoP.
- One-to-one Interviews:
- After the Draw
- After each press conference
- Training in the training hall.

Any unauthorized filming may result in the revoking of the relevant media accreditation.

# MEDIA GUIDELINES

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### MEDIA CENTRE AND PRESS TRIBUNE

Only accredited media are permitted into the media centre & press tribune and are not allowed to bring in guests.

As there are limited seats in the press tribune, there will be an order of priority given to media that are allowed access.

As the media centre is a place for work, media must keep the noise to a minimum.

There will be lockers provided for photographers to store their equipment in the media centre.

### GENERAL

Television, radio, or written interviews may only take place in the mixed zone (after matches), in the interview room and during the press conference.

If the accredited media would like to have a one-to-one interview with a player, they must organize this through the OC press team or the ITTF Events & Marketing Manager (contact details, please see below), and should not approach the player themselves outside the mixed zone or press conference room.

The OC Media operations staff will manage all photographers onsite and be present to assist photographers with queries, photo position placement and will enforce the guidelines stated herein.

If the accredited media would like additional photographs, quotes, results, stats or general information, please ask the OC press team or the ITTF Events & Marketing Manager and they will be more than happy to help.

For clarification on any items, please email ITTF Promotions Manager Ms Caifeng YANG at [caifeng@ITTF.com](mailto:caifeng@ITTF.com), or ITTF Events & Marketing Manager Mr SEET Cheng Howe at [chenghowe@ITTF.com](mailto:chenghowe@ITTF.com).



Considered as one of the biggest threats to the Chinese team ahead of the World Championships, how will Mima Ito (JPN) fare in Budapest?

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ACCREDITATION

Address: Hungexpo, Entry Hall III., through Gate nr. 6

Opening hours: from 8 A.M. until 10 P.M. (between 20.04 & 28.04)

After you collected the accreditation pass by proving yourself with an ID or Passport or Press card you can enter the venue through the main entrance as well.

## SHOPS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BANKS

Standard business hours for government offices and banks on weekdays are from 8:00 to 16:00. These offices are normally closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Business hours for shops from Monday to Friday are from 7:00 to 20:00.

Most of the shops are also open on Saturday (from 7:00 to 18:00) and Sunday (8:00 to 18:00) as well. There are shops which are open 24/7.

## ELECTRICITY

The voltage of Hungarian electric networks is 220 V (F wall sockets are used).

## MONEY / CURRENCY

Hungarian Forints (HUF) are the official currency of Hungary since 1 August 1946.

Currently, the following coins and banknotes are in use:

Coins: 5; 10; 20; 50; 100; 200 HUF

Banknotes: 500; 1000; 2000; 5000; 10,000; 20,000 HUF

## TIME ZONE

The time zone in Budapest during the World Table Tennis Championships will be Central European Time GMT+2.

## CLIMATE

The climate of Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is continental, with cold winters and warm summers. April in Budapest, Hungary, is spring and with very pleasant weather; the city and its activities are in full bloom.

The average maximum daytime temperature in April is an enjoyable 15°C and the average minimum night time temperature is 6°C. Both those temperatures increase greatly in the course of the month, and approaching April 30 the weather turns significantly warmer with temperatures of 19°C during the day and 8°C during the night.



## **MEDIA SERVICES**

To facilitate the work of journalists, the venue provides the following:

Press centre / Lockers / Mixed Zone / Tabled workstations at the tribunes /  
Venue photo positions / Telecommunication services

### **Media Centre**

Venue press centre will be equipped with free wired and wireless network for written press, TV and photographers. The wireless networks will cover all working areas, including the commentary positions, media tribune, mixed zones and the photo work areas.

The work area of the press centre offers workplaces equipped with free-to-use computers with connected printers as well as workplaces which allow journalists to connect their own devices to power supply and the Internet. It is also equipped with information desk, where the latest information on the competition and events will be obtained.

Lockers are available for personal use at the Press Centre (for €20 / HUF 6,000 deposit in cash).

Opening hours: The Press Center opens two hours before the start of the tournament and closes two hours after the last match finishes.

### **Media Tribune**

Services: 170 seats with table / Cable internet / Wifi / Power supply

## **PHOTOGRAPHERS**

All photographers should check with Venue Photo Manager for any venue specific regulations. Photographers are obliged to wear bibs during the entire competition, which will be distributed at the Media Information Desk. Bibs will be available with a €20 / HUF 6,000 deposit.

There will be a "No bag policy" in place in all competition areas. Lockers will be available for personal use at the Media Centre. Keys to lockers can be obtained against €20 / HUF 6,000 deposit in cash.

Photographers are not allowed in the mixed zone where shooting is prohibited.

In accredited areas a strict NO SMOKING policy applies.

Any breach of the regulations listed above would leave an immediate withdrawal of the accreditation.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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### Photographers' Brief

Photographers briefing is mandatory for all accredited photographers. If any photographer comes on a later day and misses the first day briefing, then they need to be briefed individually on the rules and requirements with the photo manager.

Time: On the first day of the tournament, on hour before the competition starts.

Location: Hungexpo Budapest Fair Center, Press Centre

Dress Code:

Photographers are obliged to wear a bib properly during all the competitions.

Photographers should wear proper clothing at all times.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### From Airport to City Center

#### 200E

From 4:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., bus number 200E commutes between Terminal 2 and the Kőbánya-Kispest metro terminal (metro line M3), via the Ferihegy train station (trains to the Nyugati railway station in Budapest).

From the Kőbánya-Kispest metro terminal, passengers can take the M3 metro towards Újpest Központ to reach the city center. It is possible to change to metro lines M1 and M2 at the Deák Ferenc tér stop in the inner city. The metro line M2 (red) towards Örs Vezér tere travels to the main venue and to the accreditation centre (Hungexpo). Just take off at the endstation called Örs Vezér tere and take the bus number 10 take off at Vásárközpont, főbejárat. From there you will see the buildings of Hungexpo, signages will also help your way.

From 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. bus 200E, from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. night bus number 900 operates between Budapest Airport Terminal 2 and the South Pest bus garage. It is possible to change to night buses 950 and 950A, operating to the inner city.

#### 100E

As of 7 July, a direct bus line connecting the airport with the city center was introduced: the front-door 100E takes passengers to Deák tér. It leaves from Deák tér every thirty minutes from 04:00 to 23:30. The first bus leaves from the airport each morning at 05:00, and the last one at 0:30. Bus 100E stops at the BKK bus stop at the airport between the two terminals on the arrival level.

## **(CONTD.)**

Passengers may get off the bus going to Deák tér at Kálvin tér and at Astoria. Bus 100E going to the airport only stops at Kálvin tér; but the first two in the morning will also stop at the Astoria M bus stop.

If you took off at the Deák tér, the metro line M2 (red) towards Örs Vezér tere travels to the main venue and to the accreditation centre (Hungexpo). Just take off at the endstation called Örs Vezér tere and take the bus number 10 take off at Vásárcsúszpont, főbejárat. From there you will see the buildings of Hungexpo, signages will also help your way.

## **CAR PARKING**

Hungexpo Budapest Fair Center

Address: H-1101 Budapest, Albertirsai út 10.

**Please beware of using unmarked taxis!**

## **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

### **General Information for Entering Hungary**

Hungary joined the Schengen Area on December 21, 2007. From that time visas and residence permits issued by one of the Schengen Member States are valid also for Hungary, and visas/residence permits issued by Hungarian authorities are – as a general rule – also valid for the entire Schengen Area.

## **SCHENGEN MEMBER STATES**

Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Lichtenstein. Hungary issues visas in 89 countries, while in 67 countries Hungary is represented by other Member States for issuing visa.

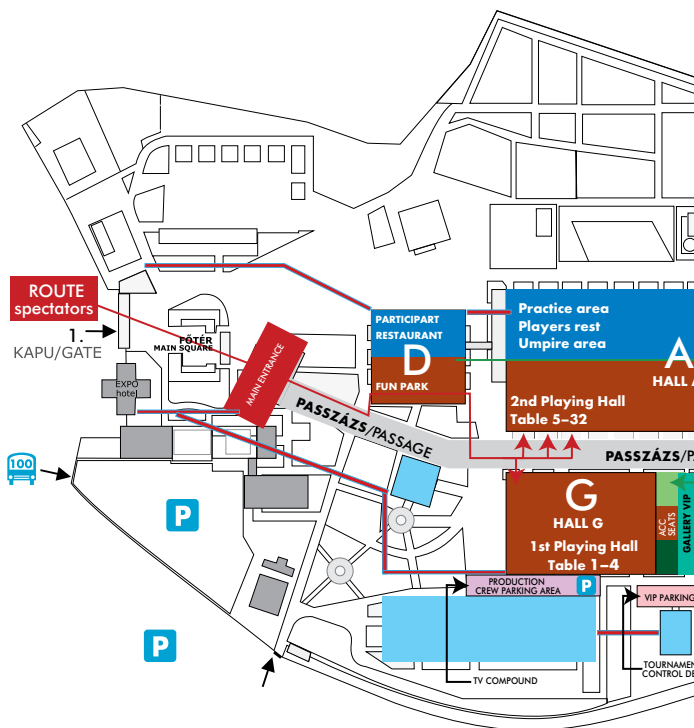
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# VENUE MAP

## HUNGEXPO – BUDAPEST

### VENUE MAP/TÉRKÉP





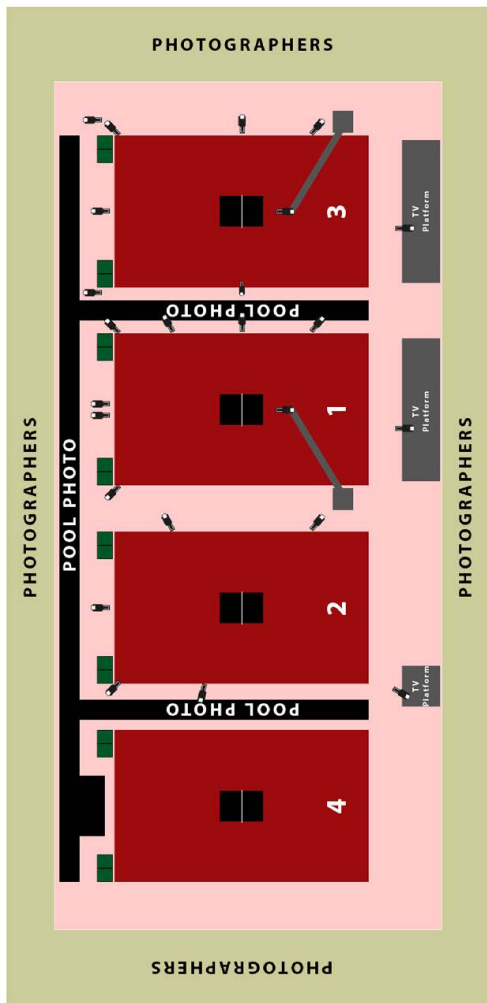


# MEDIA ACCESS

| Function              | Photographer    | Pool Photographer | ITTF Officials | Host Broadcaster | Rights Holder (TV) | Non-Rights Holders | No Bib      | No Bib   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|
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|                       | PHOTO X         | POOL X            | ITTF X         | HB X             | TVRH X             | Video RH X         |             |          |
| Media Center          | Ok              | Ok                | Ok             |                  | Ok                 | Ok                 | Ok          | Ok       |
| Press Conference Area | Ok              | Ok                | Ok             | Ok               | Ok                 | Ok                 | Ok          | Ok       |
| Media Tribune         |                 | Ok                | Ok             |                  |                    |                    | Ok          |          |
| Spectator Tribune     |                 | Ok                | Ok             |                  |                    |                    |             |          |
| Mixed Zone            |                 | Ok                | Ok             | Ok               | Ok                 | Ok                 | Ok          | Ok       |
| Practice Hall         |                 | Ok                | Ok             | Ok               | Ok (Limited)       |                    |             |          |
| 2nd Competition Hall  | Ok              | Ok                | Ok             | Ok               | Ok                 | Ok                 | Ok          | Ok       |
| Commentary Seats      |                 |                   | Ok             | Ok               | Ok                 |                    |             |          |
| Field of Play (FoP)   | Ok (Ring Round) | Ok                | Ok             | Ok               | Ok (Limited)       |                    |             |          |

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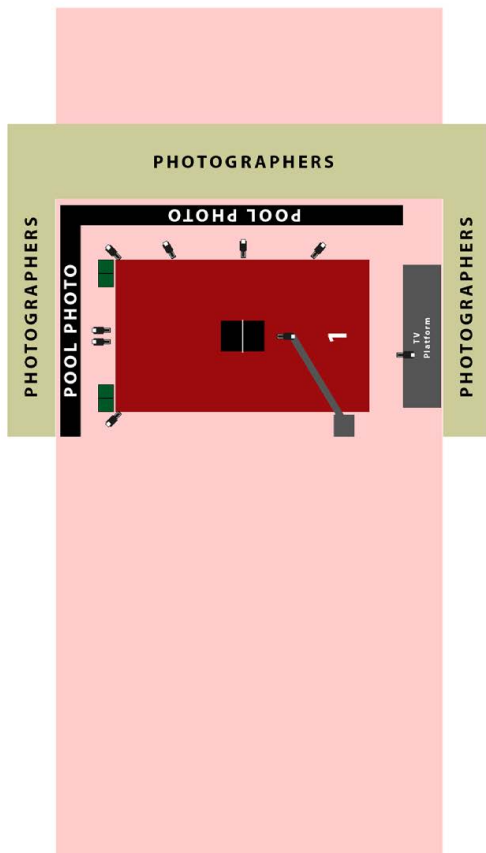
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- Daily flash quotes
- Upcoming schedule
- Previous day's results
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