



**PROSPECTUS FOR THE
2009 WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**



**28 APRIL TO 5 MAY 2009
YOKOHAMA, JAPAN**



1 AUTHORITY

The 2009 World Table Tennis Championships will be organized by the Japan Table Tennis Association under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation.

2 DATE AND PLACE

The Championships will be held from 28 April to 5 May 2009 at the Yokohama Arena, Yokohama, Japan.

3 EVENTS

The following Championship events will be played:

Event 1: Men's Singles, for the St. Bride Vase

(Holder: WANG Liqin, China)

Event 2: Women's Singles, for the G. Geist Prize

(Holder: GUO Yue, China)

Event 3: Men's Doubles, for the Iran Cup

(Holders: CHEN Qi/MA Lin, China)

Event 4: Women's Doubles, for the W. J. Pope Trophy

(Holders: WANG Nan/ZHANG Yining, China)

Event 5: Mixed Doubles, for the Heydusek Prize

(Holders: WANG Liqin/GUO Yue, China)

4 SCHEDULE

The hall will be open for practice from 26 April at 09:00 h.

28 April	Opening Ceremony
28 April -30 April	Qualification stage Competition Proper
1 May- 3 May	Competition Proper
3 May	Competition Proper Mixed Doubles Final
4 May	Competition Proper Men's Doubles Final Women's Doubles Final
5 May	Women's Singles Final Men's Singles Final

(Information subject to change if necessary)

5 RULES

The Championships will be conducted in accordance with the current Laws of Table Tennis, the Regulations for International Competitions and the Special Regulations for World Championships, as modified or complemented by the enclosed information sheet.

6 EQUIPMENT

The following equipment from San-Ei, Butterfly and Gerflor will be used:

Tables: San-Ei VERIC-W and San-Ei Show Table (Blue), 28 tables.

28 tables on the first two days (and 24 tables from day 3 including 3 TV courts) will be used in the competition playing hall. 14 tables will be used in the 1st practice hall and 14 tables in the 2nd practice hall.

Nets and post:	San-Ei
Ball:	Butterfly*** White
Flooring:	Gerflor (Framboise color)

7 ELIGIBILITY

The Championships will be open to players nominated by Associations whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2008 (see Regulation 4.1.3.1 and 1.16.3.3). The specific eligibility rules for World Championships (see Regulation 4.1.3) will apply in addition to the international eligibility rules (Regulation 3.8).

8 FEES

The entry fees will be as follows:

Events 1 and 2: JPY 2650 for each player

Events 3, 4 and 5: JPY 5300 for each pair

9 SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

All entry forms must be duly filled and submitted to the ITTF before the deadline dates.

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1020 Renens/Lausanne
Switzerland
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Fax: + 41 21 340 7099
e-mail: bhabiba@ittf.com

Preliminary entries

The intention to enter players will be notified to the **ITTF** in the preliminary notification form. The closing date for the receipt of this form is **28 December 2008**.

Final entries

Entries must be submitted on the prescribed entry forms together with a **copy of the passport** of all entered **PLAYERS**. One copy of the List of Official Party, Entry of Players, Nomination of Delegates and Summary of Entries must be sent to the **ITTF** not later than **28 February 2009**.

Please note that the preliminary and final entries must be submitted ONLY to the ITTF.

Modifications to accepted entries (entries received by the deadline) must be made according to item 4.1.6 of the ITTF Handbook using the appropriate form for that purpose (Modifications to Entry Form).

In singles, an Association may enter 5 men and 5 women, with 1 additional entry in the appropriate event for each place held by its player in the first 10 places in the 1st issue of the ITTF ranking list (the list after the Pro Tour Finals) in 2009.

In doubles, an Association may nominate pairs with different players **NOT** entered in the corresponding singles. However, the number of players entered in doubles must not exceed the number of players entered in the corresponding singles.

In mixed doubles the number of pairs entered must not exceed the number of players nominated in the singles event with the lower number of players entered.

However, no Association may enter more than 7 players in each singles event. The host Association may exceed the number of entries determined in this way by up to 2 in each event, up to a total of 7 entries in men's and women's singles.

The size of each official delegation will be limited to a maximum of: 2 coaches, 1 doctor, 2 physiotherapists, 1 chief of delegation, the President of the Association, 2 AGM delegates plus the number of players selected by the Association and eligible for the competition.

All the other persons of the Delegation must be listed separately and dealt with separately by the Organizing Committee especially concerning the visa request.

On-line entry forms on ITTF web-site

Entries could also be done on-line instead of the regular process. Starting 8th December 2008 until 28 February 2009 all Associations can submit their entries on-line, on the ITTF web-site, through the following URL address:

<http://www.ittf.com/entries>

Each Association will receive an Association code and password to access the on-line entry system.

An acknowledgment of the receipt of entry forms will be sent by e-mail or airmail. If this confirmation has not been received within 21 days after the submission of entry forms, the ITTF should be notified by phone, fax or e-mail.

10 COPY OF PASSPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Copy of passport and two photographs, 4cm x 3cm (vertical and horizontal), of each person named on the "List of Official Party" must be sent directly to the Organizing Committee to facilitate the issue of Accreditation Cards. The relevant person's name should be written on the back of each photograph. Associations could send the photographs of each person on the "List of Official Party" also by e-mail to ad-entry@wttc2009-yokohama.or.jp

The **Yokohama Organizing Committee** address is:

2009 World Table Tennis Championships
The Yokohama Organizing Committee
Nissei Yokohama Onoe-cho Building, 1F
6-81, Onoe-cho, Naka-ku,
Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, 231-0015
Japan

Tel: + 81-50-3361-0926 or +81-70-6679-9265
Fax: +81-45-640-5568
Email: ad-entry@wttc2009-yokohama.or.jp
Web-site <http://www.yokohama2009.com/>

In order to avoid delays at the Accreditation Center, Associations providing all the required information and payment in advance will have direct transport to their hotel and receive their accreditations at the hotel.

11 OBLIGATIONS

The entry forms will contain a statement that players nominated are willing to compete against any other participating player. This statement must be signed by a responsible official of the nominating Association and no entry form will be accepted unless such an undertaking has been given.

In individual events, players will be accepted as individual competitors and will be required to try their utmost to win the events for which they are entered, irrespective of whether other players from the same Association are taking part. A player may withdraw from an individual event for which he or she has been accepted only for reasons of injury or illness.

12 TELEVISION, MOTION PICTURE AND INTERNET COVERAGE CONDITIONS

By entering the Championships, participants agree to abide by all ITTF rules and by the rules and regulations of the Organizing Committee. All entered associations, pairs and individual players agree to be under the auspices of the ITTF and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video, internet web casting, motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind; and hence accept such coverage during the World Championships. A participant's refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the competition. Any participant, when called upon, must appear promptly to press conferences or medal presentations and follow the procedures set by the ITTF and the Organizing Committee.

13 DRAW

The draw will be made, under the supervision of the ITTF Technical Committee, in Yokohama at 15:00 h. on 26th April 2009.

14 JURY MEETING

The Jury will meet with Organizing Committee's representatives, Referees and Team Managers at 19:00h on 27th April 2009 and on subsequent occasions during the Championship, if required.

15 UMPIRES

All matches will be controlled by qualified umpires, in accordance with the Directives approved as shown on page 94 to 98 of the 2008-2009 ITTF Handbook.

16 AWARDS

The winning players in the various events will be entitled to hold the appropriate trophies until 31st December 2010.

In addition to the Championship trophies the winner of each singles and doubles event will receive a gold medal, the losing finalist will receive a silver medal and the losing semi-finalists will receive bronze medals. All players taking part will receive a certificate of participation.

17 MEETINGS

A General Meeting of members will be held on 30th April 2009 at Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel in Yokohama. Each Association, whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2008, is entitled to be represented by two delegates at the Meeting. The ITTF recommends that at least one delegate should be a woman.

The ITTF Board of Directors will meet on 2nd May 2009 at Shin-Yokohama Prince Hotel in Yokohama.

Details in writing of business and propositions to be dealt with at the AGM and Board of Directors must reach the ITTF Secretariat not later than 31st January 2009.

18 HOSPITALITY

Free accommodation and meals will be provided from lunch on 27th April to breakfast on 6th May 2009 for

- Three (3) men and three (3) women players nominated by an Association;
- One (1) delegate to the General Meeting from each Association if he/she is not already included in the nominated players listed above;
- The Board of Directors and the Olympic Commission and full members of Committees.
- Personal Honorary Members;
- President's Advisory Council;
- Four (4) members of the Doping Control Panel appointed by the Sports Science Committee;
- Up to 4 members for the Racket Control appointed by the ITTF Equipment Committee.
- Three (3) members of the Calendar Working Group;
- Eight (8) members of the Athletes' Commission;
- All the International Umpires, Referees and Other Officials from other Associations invited in accordance with the directives for Match Officials issued by the ITTF.
- 4 members of the ITTF staff.

19 ACCOMPANYING VISITORS

Players and officials who are listed on Associations' official entry forms but who are not entitled to free hospitality can be accommodated with the others and on the same basis, including meals, transport and admission, at a charge of JPY 16900 per person per day in a twin/double room or JPY 19000 per person per day in a single room.

20 PAYMENT

Associations are requested to pay their entry fees, extra hospitality costs and hospitality costs for those persons not entitled to free accommodation and meals, when submitting their entry forms. Payment should be made in Japanese Yen currency by direct Bank Transfer **before 28th February 2009** to:

Account Holder:	2009 WTTC Yokohama
Name of the Bank:	The Bank of Yokohama Ltd.
Branch name of the Bank:	Isezakicho Branch
Address of Bank:	3-46 Onoecho Nakaku, Yokohamashi, Kanagawaken, Japan
Bank account no:	1560435
Swift:	HAMAJPT

All associations that do not pay their invoices through bank transfer, must go to the Accreditation Center to pay and obtain their accreditations. **It is payable in Japanese yen currency by cash only. Credit cards will not be accepted.**

Cancellation

Reimbursement of cancellation will be done upon request only if the cancellation has been announced before 20th March 2009.

For cancellation of accommodation for members of Delegations after the deadline of the Final Entries, the cancellation fee will be as follows:

- Before or on 20th March 2009 no cancellation fee.
- From 21st March to 15th April 2009 a cancellation fee of JPY

- 5,000 for each person who does not have free hospitality.
- After 16th April 2009 a cancellation fee up to 60% of the total costs for each person who does not have free hospitality.

The Organizing Committee should not cancel the rooms of the persons taken in charge by them except if they receive official information from the associations concerned.

The Organizing Committee should not cancel the rooms of the persons not taken in charge by them if:

- they have received the full payment in advance
- or
- they have received the confirmation of the date and time of arrival
- or
- they have received an official confirmation of the flight tickets by the company or the travel agency.

If the Organizing Committee does not receive one of these 3 above confirmations on time they are free to cancel the rooms.

If there are still cancellations of rooms with cost to the Organizers then participants should reimburse at least the first 2 days of no shows, but not the whole period.

21 ARRIVAL TIMES

Participating delegations **must** inform the Organizing Committee of their arrival date and time no later than 23:59 h. (local time) on 14th April 2009. Delegations not providing travel details before 23:59 h. (local time) on 14th April 2009 will not have players (pairs) concerned included in the draw.

22 PERSONS ON THE BENCH DURING SINGLES AND DOUBLES EVENTS

The following was decided by the Executive Committee at its last meeting in Paris, October 2008:

- In singles events and doubles events there would be 1 seat for a coach on the playing field (behind the surrounds). No other players or personnel would have access to the area behind the surrounds or the playing area. Special provisions and seating areas would be made for the medical personnel.