



2021 WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS

23 - 29 NOVEMBER 2021, HOUSTON (USA)

This Prospectus is aimed to support the entry procedures of the players, coaches, and other technical delegates of the Member Associations (MA) of the ITTF.

PROSPECTUS

Issued on 9 July 2021

- 1. AUTHORITY**

The **2021 World Table Tennis Championships Finals** will be hosted and organized by the United States Table Tennis Association, under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation.
- 2. DATE**

Tuesday 23 November 2021 to Monday 29 November 2021
- 3. VENUE**

George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las, Americas, Houston, TX 77010 United States.
- 4. EVENTS**

Men's Singles for the St. Bride Vase
[Holder: MA Long - CHN]

Women's Singles for the Geist Prize
[Holder: LIU Shiwen - CHN]

Men's Doubles for the Iran Cup
[Holder: MA Long/WANG Chuqin - CHN]

Women's Doubles for the W.J. Pope Trophy Cup
[Holder: SUN Yingsha/WANG Manyu - CHN]

Mixed Doubles for the Heydusek Cup
[Holder: XU Xin/LIU Shiwen - CHN]
- 5. SCHEDULE**

Draw for All Events:
Date: 21 November 2021
Time: 11:00am CST at Press Conference Room
Place: Ballroom C, George R. Brown Convention Centre
[Details and confirmed schedule are available on ITTF.com]

Practice Schedule:

 - Information on the practice schedule for both the practice and competition halls will be published in due time.



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6. 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 this prospectus.

Multi balls: Decision of use of multi-balls will be pending COVID-19 regulations and will be updated at a later stage.

7. EQUIPMENT

TABLE: DHS Rainbow blue (show courts) and T1223 blue (regular)

NET: DHS P118 blue (show courts) and DHS P145 blue (regular)

BALL: Butterfly R40+ white

SPORTS FLOORING: Enlio royal blue

All racket coverings must be of a type currently authorized by the ITTF.

8. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to Member Associations satisfying the following conditions:

- Whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2020.
- Nominated players have to be eligible to represent their Member Associations according to Regulation 4.1.3 in the ITTF Handbook.
- Member Associations with outstanding fees from previous World Championships will be required to pay the amount to the ITTF before their entries are accepted.

9. ENTRY FEES

The entry fees will be as follows:

Men's and Women's Singles: **USD\$ 100** for each entry

Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles: **USD\$ 100** for each pair

Pairs that are made up of different associations will be charged **USD\$ 50** for each player.

10. ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM

ITTF accepts only online entries (both for preliminary and final), through the ITTF Online Entry System. This is applicable only for all players and non-players technical delegates.

<https://wttcentries.ittf.link/>

Member Associations must use the username and password, as used for other events. For enquires on usernames and passwords please contact oes@ittf.com.

Confirmation of successful entries: An acknowledgment of the receipt of entry forms and any updates will be sent by an e-mail to the Member Association's official e-mail



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address, as registered in the ITTF Directory. If a confirmation has not been received, the ITTF should be notified by e-mail at oes@ittf.com.

11. ENTRIES

A. PRELIMINARY ENTRIES

The intention to enter and confirm a delegation will be the first **required step** on the ITTF on-line entry system.

The opening date for the receipt of this information is **9 July 2021** and the closing deadline is **16 July 2021, 23:59 GMT**.

Member Associations are allowed to enter up to 2 times the quota they are entitled to during the preliminary entries period. Eg. A MA is entitled to 5 singles quota for the Men's Singles event, and the MA is allowed to enter up to 10 names for the Men's Singles event. Only players who are ranked within the top 256 of the ITTF Table Tennis World Rankings (Week 24) can be added in the preliminary entries as a replacement player. All names and information should be entered during the preliminary entries period.

Member Association (MA) singles quota (3+1+1 rule) - each MA should be limited to a maximum of three (3) players qualifying for the WTTC Finals, with the exception of those with a player in the top 100 World Ranking (who will be allocated one (1) extra place) and a player in the top 20 World Ranking (who will be allocated one (1) further extra place). This is known as the 3+1+1 rule. For the 32 players, qualifying from the World Rankings, ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking (Week: 24) will be used. For calculation purposes only World Title eligible players are considered.

MA doubles quota (4/4/2 rule) - each MA can have a maximum of four (4) players for Men's Doubles, four (4) players for Women's Doubles and four (4) players for Mixed Doubles (two (2) men and two (2) women) with a maximum of two combined pairs with another MA per doubles event.

Replacement Policy –

Replacement of Singles and Doubles:

Singles: according to the Proposition of the ETTU (which got accepted by the Board of Directors), MAs have the authority to nominate the players to the WTTC Finals, therefore replacement of the players is allowed until the deadline published in the Prospectus. If an MA withdraws a participant without replacing him/her (at the same time as the cancellation takes place), the quota will be reallocated to the Continental quota or the World Ranking quota as appropriate.



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Doubles: For the doubles quota allocated to the MA, the MA has the authority to change the quota pairing until a fixed deadline (published in the Prospectus). If an MA withdraws a pair without replacing the pair (at the same time as the cancellation takes place), the quota will be reallocated to the Continental quota or the World Ranking quota as appropriate.

Replacement of combined pairs (pairs from different Associations):

Same continent: in case a combined pair decides to withdraw from the competition, the quota will be reallocated to the next highest ranked pair from the same continent (eligible and not yet qualified).

Continental mixed pair (mixed pairs consisting of different continents can only qualify via the World Ranking quota): for continental mixed pairs who qualify via the World Ranking quota and reject the quota, the quota will be reallocated to the next highest ranked pair from the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking (eligible and not yet qualified).

The size of each "Official delegation" will be limited to a maximum of: 1 men's head coach, 1 women's head coach, 1 doctor, 2 physiotherapists, 1 chief of delegation, 1 professional Press Officer, plus the number of players selected by the Member Association and eligible for the competition.

All the "Other persons" of the Delegation must be listed separately. As per the accreditation policy, the following additional delegation members could be added during the preliminary entry: assistant coach(es), sparring partner(s), accompanied person(s).

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) guarantees that members of each "Official delegation" will stay in the same hotel.

No additional entry is allowed after the preliminary entry deadline, only changes or cancellations (modifications) who are added during the preliminary entries are accepted in case of all accredited persons.

B. MODIFICATION OF ENTRIES

Modifications to the accepted entries, received after the Online Entry System is closed on the final entries' deadline (**23 August 2021, 23:59 GMT**) must be made according to item 4.1.6 of the ITTF Handbook using the appropriate form for that purpose. Modification of entries is allowed up till (**21 November 2021, 05:00 GMT**), **and** modification/replacement is only allowed for names that are entered during the preliminary entries period.



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C. ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL DETAILS

Accommodation details have to be entered online until **30 September 2021, 23:59 GMT**.

Travel details (including departure) have to be entered on-line until **30 September 2021, 23:59 GMT**.

Changes on travel details must be advised latest by **15 October 2021, 23:59 GMT**.

12. VISA APPLICATION

Member Associations must submit all necessary information for getting the invitation letter and to get into contact with their closest Embassy/Consulate, within the visa application deadline set to 16 July 2021. Delegations who will require help to secure Emergency Appointments with the embassies should contact Meredith Pardue (MPardue@houstonports.org). All entries requiring Visa will need to start applying to the visa through the US online portal so to obtain the DS-#160 number (applicant number) which is mandatory for all persons applying to the visa to enter on the OES.

- Check the list of nationals who need and do not need visa to travel to United States of America on this link: [VISA REQUIREMENTS](#)

13. COPY OF PASSPORT & PHOTOGRAPH

As part of the entry process, photocopy of passport and an accreditation photograph (4cm x 3cm) have to be provided for visa and accreditation purposes. In order to avoid delays at the accreditation centre, Member Associations providing all required information and payment in advance will have priority during the accreditation process.

ATTENTION: Regardless if visa is needed or not, all passports must be valid at least 6 months after the departure date from United States of America.

14. TRANSPORTATION

The LOC will provide free transportation to the participants from and to:

- By plane from: **George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), Houston William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)**

The LOC is not responsible to provide transportation in case of missing or late travel details.

15. HOSPITALITY [FREE]

Free accommodation and meals will be provided from lunch on **Monday 22 November 2021** to breakfast on **Tuesday 30 November 2021** for:

- Two (2) men and two (2) women players nominated by an Member Association (on double occupancy basis – requested single rooms will be charged fully);
- All the International Umpires, Referees and other officials from other Member Associations invited in accordance with the Directives for Match Officials.



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16. HOSPITALITY [FOR CHARGE]

SINGLE room: US\$ 315 per person/per day

TWIN/DOUBLE room: US\$ 275 per person/per day

Players and officials who are listed on Member Associations' official entry forms but not entitled to free hospitality can take the official hospitality package including meals, transport and admission, at the rates indicated here.

The hospitality package includes an obligatory minimum of 4 nights for players and coaches, and minimum of 4 nights for all other accredited persons.

Additional nights will be charged for early check-in before **15:00** and late check-out after **12:00**

17. CANCELLATION POLICY

Before **Friday 15 October 2021, 23:59 GMT**: no cancellation fee.

From **Saturday 16 October 2021**: 100% cancellation fee of the total costs for each person not having free hospitality.

18. PAYMENTS

Member Associations are requested to pay the entry fees, extra hospitality costs and hospitality costs for those persons not entitled to free accommodation and meals.

Payment should be made in US\$ currency by direct Bank Transfer within 30 days upon receiving an invoice from the LOC, and not later than **15 October 2021** to the bank account provided within the invoice.

Payment has to be made by covering all bank fees, in connection with the bank transfers, after receiving the pro-forma invoice from the LOC.

The LOC will make hotel reservations and pick-up arrangements only for Member Associations which have completed payments.

19. KEY TIMELINES

Summary of key timelines and deadlines:

Preliminary Entries: from 9 July 2021 to **16 July 2021, 23:59 GMT**

Final Entries: from 17 July 2021 to **23 August 2021, 23:59 GMT**

Accommodation Details: **30 September 2021, 23:59 GMT**

Travel Details: **30 September 2021, 23:59 GMT**

Cancellations: **15 October 2021, 23:59 GMT**

Payments: **15 October 2021**

Modifications of sport entries: **21 November 2021, 04:59 GMT**



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- 20. PLAYING SYSTEM** The playing system and competition details will be published in due time.
- 21. DRAWS** The seeding and draw for the first stage will be conducted based on the Seeding and Ranking principles of the Playing System document (which will be published in due time).
- 22. TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING** The Jury will meet with LOC's representatives, Referees and Team Managers on **22 November 2021** (TBC time/location).
The Jury will meet on subsequent occasions during the Championships, if required. A Member Association directly affected by a matter under consideration at a Jury meeting is entitled to be represented at that meeting.
- 23. MATCH OFFICIALS** All matches will be officiated by qualified umpires in accordance with the Directives for Match Officials at World Title Competitions.
- 24. AWARDS** The winning players in various events will be entitled to hold the appropriate trophies until 30 April 2022.
In addition to the Championship trophies the winner in each 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.
- 25. OBLIGATIONS** The entry will contain a statement that players nominated are willing to compete against any other participating player or team and that the participants respect and acknowledge regulations and rules of the ITTF Handbook. This statement must be confirmed by a responsible official of the nominating Member Association and no entry form will be accepted unless such an undertaking has been given.
- 26. LIABILITY**
- A. By entering the Championships, participants agree to abide by all ITTF rules and by the rules and regulations of the LOC. All entered associations, and 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 LOC.
- B. By entering the Championships, each association must ensure that all delegation members confirm that they know that their personal data will be shared with the LOC and ITTF for the purpose of facilitating and enhancing their participation in the



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Championships who, in turn, undertake not to share it with any unauthorized person in any way.

C. In the context of betting, participants in the World Championships shall follow the ITTF Code of Ethics (Chapter 6 of the ITTF Handbook). They shall not, by any manner whatsoever, infringe the principle of fair play, show unsporting conduct, or attempt to influence the course or result of a competition, or any part thereof, in a manner contrary to sporting ethics. Any violation of this principle shall be disciplined according to provisions of ITTF regulation 3.5.3.

D. By entering the Championships, all delegation members undertake to abide by the ITTF's anti-doping rules in effect (Chapter 5 of the ITTF Handbook).

E. By entering the Championships, all delegation members undertake to abide by the Code of Ethics and ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures (Chapter 6 & 7 of the ITTF Handbook).

F. By entering the Championships, each association must ensure that all delegation members have medical insurance for the duration of the Championships.

G. To the extent permitted by law, the ITTF and the LOC will not be liable for any direct (where unforeseeable), indirect or consequential loss or damage suffered by any delegation member or any other participant of the Championships for their participation in the Championships. The ITTF's total aggregate liability to each delegation member or each such other participant of the Championships for any foreseeable direct losses, costs, damages or liabilities is limited to the price received by the ITTF from each such person from their participation. Loss or damage is foreseeable if either it is obvious that it will happen or if, at the time an agreement was made, both the ITTF and such person knew it might happen (for example, if the participant discussed it with the ITTF at the time of registration).

H. Each delegation member and other participant will be responsible for all costs, losses and liabilities incurred by the ITTF as a result of any damage to the ITTF's property caused by them, their actions or the actions or omissions of those under their supervision or control whilst on the premises of the Championships.

27. COVID-19 REGULATIONS:

The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will require all air passengers entering the United States (including U.S. citizens and Legal Permanent Residents) to present a negative COVID-19 test, taken within three calendar days of departure or proof of recovery from the virus within the last 90 days. Airlines must confirm the negative test result or proof of recovery for all passengers two years of age and over prior to boarding. Airlines must deny boarding of passengers who do not provide documentation of a negative test or recovery.

Please note due to the continually evolving nature of COVID-19, any adjustments to the COVID-19 Regulations will be communicated accordingly, the above information as accurate as per the date of the release of the Prospectus, and may be subject to change.



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