



2011 WTTC
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2011 World Table Tennis Championships

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PROSPECTUS FOR THE

2011 WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

8-15 May 2011, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

1 AUTHORITY

The 2011 World Table Tennis Championships will be hosted by the Netherlands Table Tennis Association (NTTB) and organized by the Foundation Table Tennis Events of the Netherlands (STN) under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation.

2 DATE AND PLACE

The Championships will be held from 8 May to 15 May 2011 at the Ahoy Rotterdam Arena and Exhibition Center in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

3 EVENTS

The following Championship events will be played:

- Event 1: Men's Singles, for the St. Bride Vase
(Holder: *WANG Hao, China*)
- Event 2: Women's Singles, for the G. Geist Prize
(Holder: *ZHANG Yining, China*)
- Event 3: Men's Doubles, for the Iran Cup
(Holders: *CHEN Qi/WANG Hao, China*)
- Event 4: Women's Doubles, for the W. J. Pope Trophy
(Holders: *GUO Yue/LI Xiaoxia, China*)
- Event 5: Mixed Doubles, for the Heydusek Prize
(Holders: *LI Ping/CAO Zhen, China*)

4 PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE (subject to change)

The hall will be open for practice from 5 May at 10:00 h (practice area), and from 6 May at 10:00 h (competition area).

7 May	Opening Ceremony
8-9 May	Qualification stage
	Competition Proper (Mixed Doubles)
10-12 May	Competition Proper (All events)
13 May	Competition Proper
	Mixed Doubles Finals
14 May	Competition Proper
	Finals (2)
15 May	Competition Proper
	Finals (2)



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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 explained in the enclosed information sheet.

6 EQUIPMENT

The following equipment from Double Happiness, Butterfly and Gerflor will be used:

Tables, Net and Post:	Double Happiness (Blue)
Ball:	TIBHAR *** (White)
Sports flooring:	Gerflor (Framboise color)

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

7 ELIGIBILITY

The Championships will be open to Associations whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2009 (see Regulation 4.1.3.1 and 1.16.3.3).

Nominated players have to be eligible to represent their associations according to the Regulation 4.1.3 in the 2010-2011 ITTF Handbook.

8 FEES

The entry fees will be as follows:

Single events (Events 1, 2)	18 EUR (US\$ 25) for each entry
Doubles events (Events 3, 4, 5)	36 EUR (US\$ 50) for each pair

9 SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

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

ITTF accepts only on-line entries by using National Association's password to register on the ITTF web-site (www.ittf.com).

Preliminary entries

The intention to enter players will be the first step on the ITTF on-line entry system. The closing date for the receipt of this information is **8 January 2011**.

Final entries

Entries must be submitted on the ITTF on-line entry system by providing all necessary information. In order to go through the entry process successfully, each field has to be completed properly. Final entries will be open from 10 January 2011 (when Preliminary entries are over) and entries must be sent to the ITTF not later than **8 March 2011**.

No additional entry is allowed after the final entry deadline (8 March 2011), only changes or cancellations are accepted in case of all accredited persons. These modifications can be done online until 15 April 2011. **The on-line system will be closed after 15 April 2011.**



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Modifications after 15 April 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 player in the appropriate event for each player in the first 20 places in the No.1 issue of the ITTF World Ranking list in 2011 up to a limit of 2 additional men and 2 additional women in singles, and a total of 3 men and 3 women pairs in the doubles and 3 pairs in the mixed doubles.

All players may be different.

The host association may enter up to 7 men and 7 women in the singles events and 3 pairs in the men and women doubles and 3 pairs in the mixed doubles.

The size of each **"Official delegation"** will be limited to a maximum of: 1 doctor, 2 physiotherapists, 1 chief of delegation, the President of the Association, 1 professional Press Officer, 2 AGM delegates plus the number of players selected by the Association and eligible for the competition. The number of coaches cannot exceed five (5).

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

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

On-line entry forms on ITTF web-site

Starting 10 December 2010 until 8 March 2011 all Associations can submit their entries on-line, on the ITTF web-site, through the following URL address:

www.ittf.com/entries/2011

Travel and accommodation information

Accommodation details have to be sent together with the final entries.

Travel details can be added on-line till 15 April 2010.

Due to the fact that several hotels will be in use during the WTTC, an early and precise entry gives better chance for the delegations to stay in the same hotel. Capacity in 3-star hotels is limited, so these reservations are available on first-come-first-serve basis.

Each Association will receive an Association code and password to access the on-line entry system. (The code and the password is the same what was/is used at previous WTTC and at Pro Tour events.)

An acknowledgment of the receipt of entry forms and any updates will be sent by e-mail. If this confirmation has not been received, the ITTF should be notified by e-mail (mo@ittf.com)



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10 COPY OF PASSPORT AND PHOTOGRAPHS

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

11 OBLIGATIONS

The entry will contain a statement that players nominated are willing to compete against any other participating player and that the participants respect and acknowledge the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy. This statement must be confirmed by a responsible official of the nominating Association and no entry form will be accepted unless such an undertaking has been given.

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 for qualification stage and competition proper draws (except seeded players No.1-16 in singles) will be made under the supervision of the ITTF Technical Committee, in Rotterdam **on 6 May 2011** at a place and time to be communicated later. Draw for the seeded players No. 1-16 in singles will take place during the Opening Ceremony **on 7 May 2011**. Place and time for further draws in later stage will be announced on site.

14 JURY MEETING

The Jury will meet with Organizing Committee's representatives, Referees and Team Managers in Ahoy Rotterdam **at 17:00 h. on 7 May 2011** and on subsequent occasions during the Championships, if required. An Association directly affected by a matter under consideration at a Jury meeting is entitled to be represented at that meeting.

15 UMPIRES AND REFEREES

All matches will be controlled by qualified umpires and referees, in accordance with the Directives for Match Officials at World Title Competitions of the 2010-2011 ITTF Handbook.

16 AWARDS

The winning players in the various events will be entitled to hold the appropriate trophies until 31 December 2012.



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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 **10 May 2011** at Beurs World Trade Center in Rotterdam. Each Association, whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2010, 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 **12 May 2011** at Manhattan Hotel in Rotterdam.

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 10 February 2011**.

18 HOSPITALITY

Free accommodation and meals will be provided from lunch on 7 May to breakfast on 16 May 2011 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;
- Members of the Board of Directors and the Olympic and Paralympic Commission and full members of Committees and the Para TT Division.
- 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;
- 6 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 **125 EUR (3-star) and 140 EUR (4-star)** per person per day in a twin/double rooms or **160 EUR (3-star) and 190 EUR (4-star)** 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 EUR currency** by direct Bank Transfer **before 1 April 2011** to the following account:



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BIC: ABNANL2A

IBAN: NL30 ABNA 0620 9602 64

Account Name: Stichting Tafeltennisevenementen Nederland

Postbus 600

2700 MD Zoetermeer / Netherlands

Payment has to be made by covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.

The Organizing Committee will make hotel reservations and pick-up arrangements only for Associations that have completed their payments.

Cancellation

Reimbursement of cancellation will be done upon request only if the cancellation has been announced before 7 April 2011.

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

- **Before 7 April - no cancellation fee.**
- **From 8 April till 30 April - 50 % cancellation fee of the total costs for each person who does not have free hospitality.**
- **From 1 May - 80 % cancellation fee 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 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.

21 ARRIVAL TIMES

The deadline to provide travel details is 15 April 2011. Participating delegations **must** inform the Organizing Committee of any change on their arrival date and time at least three days prior to their arrival and no later than 23:59 h. (local time) on 5 May 2011. Delegations not providing travel details before 23:59 h. (local time) on 5 May 2011 will not have their teams included in the draw.