



**2021 WORLD TABLE TENNIS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS**

# **MEDIA GUIDE**

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★ World No. 1 Fan Zhendong (CHN) took silver in Tokyo 2020's Singles event. With Ma Long sitting out this year's World Championships, he will be on a mission to clinch his first World Championships Singles title.



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# ITTF & WTT OVERVIEW

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) is the international governing body of the sport. It is responsible for the management, regulation and growth of table tennis and has 226 affiliated member associations spread across five continental federations; the most of any International Sports Federation.

The ITTF was initiated in Berlin, Germany and became formalised in London in 1926 during the first World Table Tennis Championships. Since 1957, this event has been held biennially and this year's event takes place in Houston, USA in November. Five individual events, which include men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles are currently held in odd numbered years. The World Team Table Tennis Championships, which include men's team and women's team events were first their own competition in 2000. The Team Championships are held in even numbered years.

Table tennis became an Olympic discipline at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games and a Paralympic Discipline in 1960. The current ITTF President is Mr Thomas WEIKERT (GER) who was appointed in 2014. The ITTF's vision of Table Tennis. For All. For Life. is synonymous with the efforts of the ITTF in making table tennis accessible to everyone, and a sport that provides experiences at all stages of life.

World Table Tennis (WTT) was successfully launched in 2021 as the commercial arm of the ITTF, to transform the sport and capitalise on its global appeal. As well as encouraging more people to play and consume table tennis, the mission to develop a clear, coherent pathway to the top of the sport for players is one of WTT's central ambitions.

March saw a first glimpse of the new format in Doha, showcasing a stunning new field of play look and feel, coupled with equal prize money for men and women. The new WTT Series will showcase the sport's best and up-and-coming table tennis players in up to 34 events around the world. It will feature four Grand Smashes as the pillars of the sport, eight single-table, single-gender WTT Champions events, the WTT Contender Series and the season-ending WTT Cup Finals, all of which will entertain fans and inspire future generations of table tennis players. Complimented by the global WTT Youth Series, WTT creates a pathway that showcases the journey of a player from day one to world number 1 through the ITTF Table Tennis World Rankings.

With an estimated following of 875 million across Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas, table tennis is one of the most followed sports on the planet.

The International Table Tennis Federation Foundation is an international non-profit organisation, focusing specifically on table tennis. Following its inauguration in 2019, there has been continued growth of the CSR pillars which originated within the ITTF Development Programme.

Since its creation, the ITTF Foundation has been an independent organisation, and is the official CSR arm of the ITTF Group, promoting Table Tennis for Development and Peace around the world. Under the tagline 'Solidarity through Table Tennis' the ITTF Foundation aims to engage people worldwide, initiate or support projects to empower individuals, foster positive social change and make table tennis popular, universal and inclusive.

## 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

All singles matches will be best of 7 games and all doubles matches will be best of 5 games.

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 two 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. The first player to be two points clear is declared the winner. After each game, the players change ends; should a deciding game (5th in team matches, 7th in singles) be need; in that game the players change ends when one player reaches five points.

## LEGAL SERVICE

The ball must rest on an open hand palm of the hand and thrown vertically at least 16 centimetres (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 (1.57 inches) in diameter. The table is 2.74 meters (9 feet) long, 1.525 meters (5 feet) wide and 0.76 meters (2.5 feet) 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.

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Voted "Athlete of the Decade" in Puerto Rico last year, Adriana Diaz is fighting her way to the very top of table tennis.



# HOST CITY

Houston, Texas, is one of the largest cities in the United States and home to some of the best sports fans in the country.

With more than 2.3 million residents, the city attracts visitors and transplants with a wonderful mix of world-class arts, booming business, pro sports and award-winning cuisine.

Home to a respected and energetic cultural arts scene, the fourth largest shopping centre in the country, the oldest African-American theatre in the Southwest and the brains behind United States' space exploration, Houston is as diverse a city as they come.

Downtown Houston has become one of the most vibrant areas in the city with numerous clubs, professional sports facilities and musical entertainment that has helped bring nightlife back to downtown. And that's in addition to the rest of the City's attractions, shopping and restaurants to fit all budgets.

With mild, year-round temperatures, come explore Houston's mix of international appeal and Southern charm have captured the imagination of tastemakers the world over.

More information: <https://www.visithoustontexas.com/>



## 2021 EVENT VENUE

The George R. Brown Convention Center is located in downtown Houston and covers 1.8 million square feet. It offers a variety of services, plenty of amenities, parking and nearby entertainment and dining facilities.

Opened in downtown Houston on 26 September 1987, the building was named for prominent Houston entrepreneur and philanthropist George Rufus Brown (1898-1983). The convention campus has undergone two major expansions. In December 2016, a second connected 1,000 room hotel was added along with Avenida Plaza, an outdoor pedestrian-friendly event and leisure space featuring restaurants, retail, and free live entertainment.

# 2021 WTTC KEY DATES

DATE	TIME	EVENT
21 NOV	11:00	Draw Ceremony (Singles and Doubles)
24 NOV	08:00	2021 ITTF Annual General Meeting
28 NOV	22:00	Mixed Doubles Final
29 NOV	13:00 Followed by Followed by	Women's Doubles Final Men's Doubles Final Award Ceremony (Doubles)
	18:00 Followed by Followed by	Women's Singles Final Men's Singles Final Award Ceremony (Singles)

# 2021 WTTC DAILY SCHEDULE

## DAY 1 – 23 NOVEMBER

Session 1, 10:20	Men's and Women's Singles Round 1
Session 2, 14:40	Mixed Doubles Round 1
Session 3, 18:00	Men's and Women's Singles Round 1

## DAY 2 – 24 NOVEMBER

Session 1, 10:20	Men's and Women's Doubles Round 1
Session 2, 15:20	Men's and Women's Singles Round 2
Session 3, 18:00	Men's and Women's Singles Round 2

## DAY 3 – 25 NOVEMBER

Session 1, 09:30	Mixed Doubles Round 2
Session 2, 11:10	Men's and Women's Doubles Round 2
Session 3, 14:10	Men's and Women's Singles Round 3
Session 4, 18:10	Men's and Women's Singles Round 3

## DAY 4 – 26 NOVEMBER

Session 1, 11:00	Men's and Women's Doubles Round of 16
Session 2, 14:00	Mixed Doubles Round of 16
Session 3, 16:00	Men's and Women's Singles Round of 16

## DAY 5 – 27 NOVEMBER

Session 1, 11:00	Mixed Doubles Quarterfinals
Session 2, 12:40	Men's and Women's Doubles Quarterfinals
Session 3, 16:00	Men's and Women's Singles Quarterfinals

## DAY 6 – 28 NOVEMBER

Session 1, 11:00	Mixed Doubles Semifinals
Session 2, 14:00	Men's and Women's Doubles Semifinals
Session 3, 18:00	Men's and Women's Singles Semifinals
Session 4, 22:00	Mixed Doubles Final

## DAY 7 – 29 NOVEMBER

Session 1, 13:00	Women's Doubles Final
Followed by	Men's Doubles Final
Followed by	Award Ceremony (Doubles)
Session 2, 18:00	Women's Singles Final
Followed by	Men's Singles Final
Followed by	Award Ceremony (Singles)

\*All times in local timing GMT-6

# 2021 WTTC PLAYING SYSTEM

## 1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1 There will be 5 individual events – Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- 1.2 All events will be played as a straight knockout.
- 1.3 The winners of each event shall receive gold medals, the losing finalists silver medals and the losing semi-finalists bronze medals.
- 1.4 The first round of Men's Singles and Women's Singles will have 128 places and the first round of Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will have 64 places.
- 1.5 Singles events will have 32 seeded players and doubles events will have 16 seeded pairs.
- 1.6 All singles matches will be best of 7 games and all doubles matches will be best of 5 games.

## 2. DRAW

The draws will take place on Sunday 21 November. Seeded players will be drawn into appropriate positions according to HB 3.6.2.3. All other players/pairs will then be drawn at random into the remaining 96 positions for singles and 48 positions for doubles.

Players of the same Association shall be separated according to HB 3.6.3.1, only in the first round of the draw but not in further rounds.

The ranking list used for seeding and for the draws is the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking published on 16 November 2021 (week 46).

## 3. DOUBLES/MIXED DOUBLES SEEDING

Entries in doubles and mixed doubles events shall be done by combining each player's ITTF Table Tennis Doubles/Mixed Doubles Individual World Ranking position to form a combined pair rank. Players who have no ITTF Table Tennis Doubles/Mixed Doubles Individual World Ranking shall receive the ranking of the lowest ranked player plus 1 point.

Tie-Break procedures to determine seeding order of the pairs shall be as follows:

- 3.1 The pair with the greatest number of points in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
- 3.2 The pair with the best combined rank in the previous ranking week.
- 3.3 The pair with the most combined number of events over the previous 52-week period.
- 3.4 The pair with the most combined number of points in the Men's/Women's Singles ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
- 3.5 Randomly sorted by the seeding software



One of the few defenders left in the game, Han Ying (GER) nevertheless proves to be an intimidating opponent. One to watch after her stellar performance of reaching the quarterfinals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics earlier this year.



## PLAYERS TO WATCH (MEN)

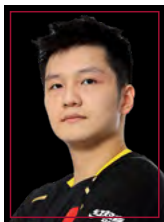
### FAN ZHENDONG (CHN)

WR 1 AGE 24

**PLAYING STYLE** Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Runner-up (2017)

**FUN FACT** Affectionately known as “Xiao Pang” to his fans, Fan Zhendong has been seen as the natural successor to lead the Chinese team. His 2017 match against Ma Long is considered one of the greatest WTTC Finals and all eyes will be on the world number 1 this time.



## PLAYERS TO WATCH (MEN)

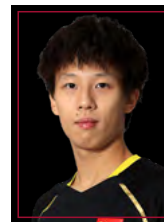
### LIN GAOYUAN (CHN)

WR 7 AGE 26

**PLAYING STYLE** Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Quarterfinals (2019)

**FUN FACT** Hailing from Shenzhen, Lin is definitely one of the most exciting players to watch, employing a positive and aggressive approach to the game with plenty of explosive power in his arsenal. This World table tennis championships will be crucial for Lin's legacy.



### TOMOKAZU HARIMOTO (JPN)

WR 4 AGE 18

**PLAYING STYLE** Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Quarterfinals (2017)

**FUN FACT** With unbelievable talent and mind-blowing tenacity, the Japanese star holds the record for being the youngest ever World Tour winner at the age of 14. At 18, Harimoto is ready to cement his place amongst the greats.



### LIANG JINGKUN (CHN)

WR 9 AGE 25

**PLAYING STYLE** Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Semifinals (2019)

**FUN FACT** Liang Jingkun has been a constant face on the international scene, going toe to toe with the best in the world. In his last World Championships appearance, he beat Fan Zhendong in the round of 16 before bowing out to Ma Long in the final 4.

### HUGO CALDERANO (BRA)

WR 5 AGE 25

**PLAYING STYLE** Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Round of 16 (2019)

**FUN FACT** Hailing from Rio de Janeiro, Calderano is the first-ever Pan American player to earn his place in the top 5 of the World Rankings. A man of many talents and all-round athlete, he will be looking to add to his international titles after claiming his first in Doha this year.



### MATTIAS FALCK (SWE)

WR 10 AGE 30

**PLAYING STYLE** Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Finals (2019)

**FUN FACT** Accompanying his father to his first club session aged seven, Falck quickly fell in love with the sport. He truly announced himself to the world at the 2019 ITTF World Championships, where he became the first Swede to reach the men's singles final since 1997!



### LIN YUN-JU (TPE)

WR 6 AGE 20

**PLAYING STYLE** Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Second Round (2019)

**FUN FACT** Known by fans as “The Silent Assassin”, Lin Yun-Ju possesses the zen-like calmness and attention to detail of a player well beyond his years. Lin's key weapon is his backhand drive that had taken him through to the semifinals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.



### TIMO BOLL (GER)

WR 11 AGE 40

**PLAYING STYLE** Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Semifinals (2011)

**FUN FACT** With a career spanning over 20 years, the veteran has been ranked world number one as recently as 2018 and holds the record for number of European titles won. Boll's gentle yet charismatic demeanor has won him respect from friends and foes alike.



## PLAYERS TO WATCH (MEN)

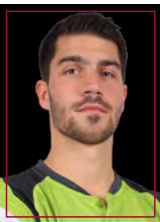
### JANG WOOJIN (KOR)

WR 12      AGE 26

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2019)

**FUN FACT** The second Korean to strike singles gold at the World Junior Table Tennis Championships in 2013, it did not take long for Jang to translate his junior success to the senior stage when he was crowned the first ever triple champ in 2018.



### PATRICK FRANZISKA (GER)

WR 14      AGE 29

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2015)

**FUN FACT** Part of Germany's silver showing at the 2014 and 2018 World Team Championships and winner of multiple U21 titles, Franziska is also adept in the doubles game. His ability to excel in a pair has seen him win plenty of silverware with various partners over the years.

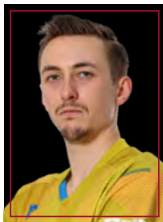
### LIAM PITCHFORD (ENG)

WR 15      AGE 28

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Round of 32 (2015)

**FUN FACT** Brave, fierce, formidable, Liam Pitchford has emerged as a force to be reckoned with at both a national and international level. Chesterfield born and bred, Pitchford has helped to propel English table tennis back to the top tiers of the sport.



### WANG CHUQIN (CHN)

WR 16      AGE 21

**PLAYING STYLE**      Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Debut

**FUN FACT** Touted as one of China's brightest young stars, Wang's gold medal at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games caused the world to sit up and notice. He has since left his mark on the senior stage, winning the men's doubles title at his World Championships debut in 2019.

## PLAYERS TO WATCH (MEN)

### QUADRI ARUNA (NGR)

WR 17      AGE 33

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Round of 32 (2019)

**FUN FACT** Aptly nicknamed Quadri "Balboa", Africa's highest-ranked player punches with his aggressive and unorthodox forehand top spins. Crowned Male Table Tennis Star of 2014, Aruna's moment of glory came at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.



### SIMON GAUZY (FRA)

WR 18      AGE 27

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2019)

**FUN FACT** Gauzy's athleticism paired with immense technical ability make him an unpredictable and dangerous opponent. Having come close to claiming gold on multiple occasions, his biggest career win came when he eliminated Xu Xin at the 2019 World Championships.

### KOKI NIWA (JPN)

WR 19      AGE 27

**PLAYING STYLE**      Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2017, 2019)

**FUN FACT** Niwa enjoyed a prolific career at junior level, winning gold at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Singapore before being crowned 2011 world junior champion. His senior career took off quickly with his taking the trophy at the 2014 World Tour Russian Open.



### WONG CHUN TING (HKG)

WR 21      AGE 30

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking penhold

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2017)

**FUN FACT** A master craftsman who has perfected the art of the penhold grip, Wong Chun Ting is a man of many talents. His standout moment came at the 2016 Men's World Cup, leaving the German city of Saarbrücken with the bronze medal around his neck.

## TOP 32 SEEDS (MEN)

SEED	PLAYER	ASSC	AGE	WR	PLAYING STYLE
1	FAN Zhendong	CHN	22	1	Right, Shakehand, Attack
2	Tomokazu HARIMOTO	JPN	18	4	Right, Shakehand, Attack
3	Hugo CALDERANO	BRA	25	5	Right, Shakehand, Attack
4	LIN Yun-Ju	TPE	20	6	Left, Shakehand, Attack
5	LIN Gaoyuan	CHN	26	7	Left, Shakehand, Attack
6	LIANG Jingkun	CHN	25	9	Right, Shakehand, Attack
7	Mattias FALCK	SWE	30	10	Right, Shakehand, Attack
8	Timo BOLL	GER	40	11	Left, Shakehand, Attack
9	JANG Woojin	KOR	26	12	Right, Shakehand, Attack
10	Patrick FRANZISKA	GER	29	14	Right, Shakehand, Attack
11	Liam PITCHFORD	ENG	28	15	Right, Shakehand, Attack
12	WANG Chuqin	CHN	21	16	Right, Shakehand, Attack
13	Quadri ARUNA	NGR	33	17	Right, Shakehand, Attack
14	Simon GAUZY	FRA	27	18	Right, Shakehand, Attack
15	Koki NIWA	JPN	27	19	Left, Shakehand, Attack
16	LEE Sangsu	KOR	31	20	Right, Shakehand, Attack
17	WONG Chun Ting	HKG	30	21	Right, Penhold, Attack
18	Darko JORGIC	SLO	23	23	Right, Shakehand, Attack
19	Marcos FREITAS	POR	33	24	Left, Shakehand, Attack
20	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE	40	25	Right, Shakehand, Attack
21	Robert GARDOS	AUT	42	27	Right, Shakehand, Attack
22	Kristian KARLSSON	SWE	30	28	Left, Shakehand, Attack
23	Omar ASSAR	EGY	30	29	Right, Shakehand, Attack
24	Sharath Kamal ACHANTA	IND	39	30	Right, Shakehand, Attack

## TOP 32 SEEDS (MEN)

SEED	PLAYER	ASSC	AGE	WR	PLAYING STYLE
25	Kanak JHA	USA	21	31	Right, Shakehand, Attack
26	Jonathan GROTH	DEN	29	33	Left, Shakehand, Attack
27	Tomislav PUCAR	CRO	25	34	Right, Shakehand, Attack
28	Yang WANG	SVK	27	35	Left, Shakehand, Attack
29	Ruwen FILUS	GER	33	36	Right, Shakehand, Attack
30	Sathiyar GNANASEKARAN	IND	28	37	Right, Shakehand, Attack
31	Gustavo TSUBOI	BRA	36	38	Right, Shakehand, Attack
32	Emmanuel LEBESSON	FRA	33	39	Left, Shakehand, Attack

\* Player list is accurate as of date of publication



First-ever Pan American player to break the top 5 in the World Rankings, Hugo Calderano (BRA) will be looking to add to his international titles after claiming his first in Doha this year. ★

## PLAYERS TO WATCH (WOMEN)

### CHEN MENG (CHN)

WR 1                      AGE 27

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Final (2019)

**FUN FACT** Crowned World Junior Champion in 2011, Chen has risen rapidly since, cumulating in a Gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Chen's achievements have propelled her to the top of the world rankings and she will be looking to add the championships crown to her title list.



## PLAYERS TO WATCH (WOMEN)

### CHENG I-CHING (TPE)

WR 8                      AGE 29

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Round of 16 (2015)

**FUN FACT** An integral part of establishing Chinese Taipei's presence on the global stage, Cheng cemented her reputation with a bronze medal finish at the 2016 World Team Championships as well as runner-up at the highly prestigious 2016 Women's World Cup.



### SUN YINGSHA (CHN)

WR 2                      AGE 21

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2019)

**FUN FACT** With 2017 being her breakthrough year, Sun was crowned World Junior Champion and won the first of several senior World Tour titles. She has since gone on to establish herself as a major force with a quarterfinal finish at the 2019 World Championships.

### KASUMI ISHIKAWA (JPN)

WR 9                      AGE 28

**PLAYING STYLE**      Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2009, 2017)

**FUN FACT** Born to a table tennis family and the top Japanese women's player for many years, Ishikawa has 10 World Tour women's singles titles to her name as well as silver (London 2012, Tokyo 2020) and bronze (Rio 2016) for the Japanese team at the Olympic Games.



### MIMA ITO (JPN)

WR 3                      AGE 21

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2015)

**FUN FACT** Mima Ito is often seen as the greatest threat to China in the women's game. With her competitive and explosive style, she helped Japan to a bronze medal in the women's team event, while she clinched gold at Tokyo 2020 in mixed doubles.



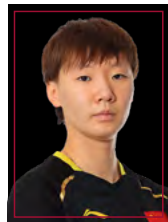
### WANG YIDI (CHN)

WR 10                      AGE 24

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Debut

**FUN FACT** On the cusp of establishing her name among the top players, Wang is looking to convert her talent into silverware. With a slew of Under-21 titles to her name, Wang's transition to the senior stage has merited success with her first World Tour women's singles gold in 2019.



### WANG MANYU (CHN)

WR 4                      AGE 22

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Semifinals (2019)

**FUN FACT** The coolest of customers, Wang possesses a wide wingspan, making it extra difficult for her opponents to find an open angle. Runner-up at the 2017 World Junior Championships, Wang has since established herself as a key member of the Chinese national team.

### FENG TIANWEI (SGP)

WR 11                      AGE 35

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2015, 2017)

**FUN FACT** One of Singapore's sporting icons and a two-time Commonwealth Games singles champion, Feng's crowning moment came at the 2010 World Team Championships in Moscow as she led Singapore to its first-ever gold in table tennis with a victory over China.



## PLAYERS TO WATCH (WOMEN)

### MIU HIRANO (JPN)

WR 12      AGE 21

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Semifinals (2017)

**FUN FACT** Nicknamed "Hurricane Hirano" for her whirlwind rallies, a record-breaking feat arrived when she, along with Mima Ito, became the youngest-ever champions at a World Tour event, winning women's doubles at the 2014 German Open. Hirano's solo crowning moment came in 2016 clinched the Women's World Cup in USA.



## PLAYERS TO WATCH (WOMEN)

### SOFIA POLCANOVA (AUT)

WR 16      AGE 27

**PLAYING STYLE**      Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Round of 32 (2019)

**FUN FACT** A shining ambassador for European table tennis, the player with Moldovan heritage carries the dreams of all fans across Europe. Her main avenue of success on the senior stage came with her podium finishes at the European Championships and Europe Top 16 Cup.



### DOO HOI KEM (HKG)

WR 13      AGE 24

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Quarterfinals (2019)

**FUN FACT** Breaking onto the scene in 2014 with her impressive podium finish at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, Doo has enjoyed success with World Championships medals across multiple disciplines, most notably in mixed doubles with compatriot Wong Chun Ting.



### ADRIANA DIAZ (PUR)

WR 17      AGE 21

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Round of 32 (2019)

**FUN FACT** Following her status as the first female table tennis player to represent Puerto Rico on the Olympic stage in 2016, Diaz played a significant role at the 2019 Pan American Games in guiding the island to its first gold medal successes in the event's history. In 2020, Diaz was voted "Athlete of the Decade" in Puerto Rico.

### JEON JIHEE (KOR)

WR 14      AGE 29

**PLAYING STYLE**      Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Round of 32 (2019)

**FUN FACT** Born in Langfang, China, the early years of Jeon's career came with the support and teachings of her father. Jeon also collected a historic bronze medal as part of the Unified Korea team at the 2018 World Team Championships in Halmstad, Sweden.



### PETRISSA SOLJA (GER)

WR 19      AGE 27

**PLAYING STYLE**      Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Round of 64 (2015, 2017, 2019)

**FUN FACT** Born into a table tennis-loving family, the best performing European player secured three bronze medals at the 2012 World Junior Championships. Solja has also claimed medals from other prestigious events, including the Olympic Games and World Championships.



### CHEN XINGTONG (CHN)

WR 15      AGE 24

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Debut

**FUN FACT** Possessing lightning quick reflexes and excellent footwork, the ball is rarely out of Chen's reach. Chen is a threat in any discipline, earning multiple titles in both singles and doubles formats, while also boasting a Team World Cup gold medal with China.



### SUH HYOWON (KOR)

WR 22      AGE 34

**PLAYING STYLE**      Right-handed defensive shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT**      Round of 16 (2013, 2019)

**FUN FACT** Championing the art of defence, Suh's elegance on the table has won over fans worldwide. Part of the historic Unified Korea team which struck bronze at the 2018 World Team Championships, Suh boasts a medal of the same colour at the 2019 Team World Cup.

## TOP 32 SEEDS (WOMEN)

SEED	PLAYER	ASSC	AGE	WR	PLAYING STYLE
1	CHEN Meng	CHN	27	1	Right, Shakehand, Attack
2	SUN Yingsha	CHN	21	2	Right, Shakehand, Attack
3	Mima ITO	JPN	21	3	Right, Shakehand, Attack
4	WANG Manyu	CHN	22	4	Right, Shakehand, Attack
5	CHENG I-Ching	TPE	29	8	Right, Shakehand, Attack
6	Kasumi ISHIKAWA	JPN	28	9	Left, Shakehand, Attack
7	WANG Yidi	CHN	24	10	Right, Shakehand, Attack
8	FENG Tianwei	SGP	35	11	Right, Shakehand, Attack
9	Miu HIRANO	JPN	21	12	Right, Shakehand, Attack
10	DOO Hoi Kem	HKG	24	13	Right, Shakehand, Attack
11	JEON Jihee	KOR	29	14	Left, Shakehand, Attack
12	CHEN Xingtong	CHN	24	15	Right, Shakehand, Attack
13	Sofia POLCANOVA	AUT	27	16	Left, Shakehand, Attack
14	Adriana DIAZ	PUR	21	17	Right, Shakehand, Attack
15	Hina HAYATA	JPN	21	18	Left, Shakehand, Attack
16	Petrissa SOLJA	GER	27	19	Left, Shakehand, Attack
17	Ying HAN	GER	38	21	Right, Shakehand, Defence
18	SUH Hyowon	KOR	34	22	Right, Shakehand, Defence
19	Bernadette SZOCS	ROU	26	24	Right, Shakehand, Attack
20	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE	28	26	Right, Shakehand, Attack
21	Britt EERLAND	NED	27	28	Right, Shakehand, Attack
22	Margaryta PESOTSKA	UKR	30	30	Right, Shakehand, Attack
23	Nina MITTELHAM	GER	24	31	Right, Shakehand, Attack
24	Elizabeta SAMARA	ROU	32	32	Left, Shakehand, Attack

## TOP 32 SEEDS (WOMEN)

SEED	PLAYER	ASSC	AGE	WR	PLAYING STYLE
25	SOO Wai Yam Minnie	HKG	23	33	Right, Shakehand, Attack
26	Lily ZHANG	USA	25	35	Right, Shakehand, Attack
27	Dina MESHREF	EGY	27	36	Left, Shakehand, Attack
28	Xiaona SHAN	GER	38	37	Right, Penhold, Attack
29	Suthasini SAWETTABUT	THA	26	38	Right, Shakehand, Attack
30	Mo ZHANG	CAN	32	39	Right, Shakehand, Attack
31	NI Xia Lian	LUX	58	40	Left, Penhold, Attack
32	Hana MATELOVA	CZE	31	41	Right, Shakehand, Attack

\* Player list is accurate as of date of publication



At only 17, Shin Yubin (KOR) is the rising star of Team Korea. With her partner Jeon Jihee, she will aim for gold in the Doubles event. ★

## MEN'S DOUBLES SEEDS

SEED	PLAYER ONE	ASSC.	PLAYER TWO	ASSC.
1	LIANG Jingkun	CHN	LIN Gaoyuan	CHN
2	Yukiya UDA	JPN	Shunsuke TOGAMI	JPN
3	Adam SZUDI	HUN	Nandor ECSEKI	HUN
4	Alvaro ROBLES	ESP	Ovidiu IONESCU	ROU
5	Cedric NUYTINCK	BEL	Jakub DYJAS	POL
6	CHEN Chien-An	TPE	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE
7	AN Jaehyun	KOR	CHO Daeseong	KOR
8	Benedikt DUDA	GER	Dang QIU	GER
9	FAN Zhendong	CHN	WANG Chuqin	CHN
10	JANG Woojin	KOR	LIM Jonghoon	KOR
11	Paul DRINKHALL	ENG	Liam PITCHFORD	ENG
12	Maksim GREBNEV	RTT	Lev KATSMAN	RTT
13	Sharath Kamal ACHANTA	IND	Sathiyam GNANASEKARAN	IND
14	Noshad ALAMIYAN	IRI	Nima ALAMIAN	IRI
15	Gaston ALTO	ARG	Horacio CIFUENTES	ARG
16	Martin ALLEGRO	BEL	Florent LAMBIET	BEL

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## WOMEN'S DOUBLES SEEDS

SEED	PLAYER ONE	ASSC.	PLAYER TWO	ASSC.
1	JEON Jihee	KOR	SHIN Yubin	KOR
2	Kasumi ISHIKAWA	JPN	Miu HIRANO	JPN
3	Nina MITTELHAM	GER	Sabine WINTER	GER
4	DOO Hoi Kem	HKG	LEE Ho Ching	HKG
5	Linda BERGSTROM	SWE	Christina KALLBERG	SWE
6	Petrissa SOLJA	GER	Xiaona SHAN	GER
7	Hana MATELOVA	CZE	Barbora BALAZOVA	SVK
8	Yana NOSKOVA	RTT	Olga VOROBEVA	RTT
9	Farah ABDEL-AZIZ	EGY	Yousra HELMY	EGY
10	Manika BATRA	IND	Archana Girish KAMATH	IND
11	SUN Yingsha	CHN	WANG Manyu	CHN
12	CHENG Hsien-Tzu	TPE	LIU Hsing-Yin	TPE
13	Adriana DIAZ	PUR	Melanie DIAZ	PUR
14	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE	LI Yu-Jhun	TPE
15	Cecilia AKPAN	NGR	Offiong EDEM	NGR
16	Karoline MISCHKE	AUT	Tin-Tin HO	ENG

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★ One of the top stars on the Chinese team and gold medalist in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, Chen Meng has yet to add the World Championships Singles title to her list of accolades. Could it finally be her year?

## MIXED DOUBLES SEEDS

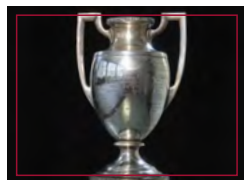
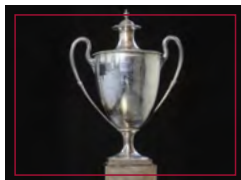
SEED	PLAYER ONE	ASSC.	PLAYER TWO	ASSC.
1	LIN Yun-Ju	TPE	CHENG I-Ching	TPE
2	Emmanuel LEBESSON	FRA	Jia Nan YUAN	FRA
3	JANG Woojin	KOR	JEON Jihee	KOR
4	WONG Chun Ting	HKG	DOO Hoi Kem	HKG
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9	Sathiyar GNANASEKARAN	IND	Manika BATRA	IND
10	Dang QIU	GER	Nina MITTELHAM	GER
11	Tomokazu HARIMOTO	JPN	Hina HAYATA	JPN
12	Omar ASSAR	EGY	Dina MESHREF	EGY
13	HO Kwan Kit	HKG	LEE Ho Ching	HKG
14	Khalid ASSAR	EGY	Yousra HELMY	EGY
15	WANG Chuqin	CHN	SUN Yingsha	CHN
16	Alvaro ROBLES	ESP	Maria XIAO	ESP

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# WTTC TROPHIES & HISTORY

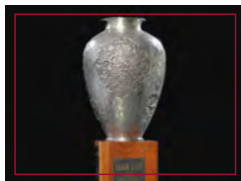
## MEN'S SINGLES - ST BRIDE VASE

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.



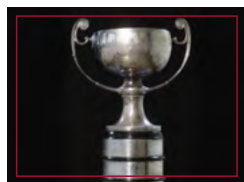
## WOMEN'S SINGLES - GEIST PRIZE

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.



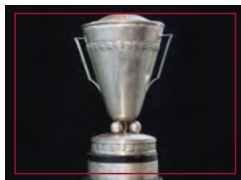
## MEN'S DOUBLES - IRAN CUP

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.

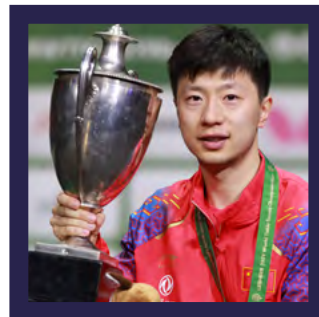


## MIXED DOUBLES - HEYDUSEK CUP

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

## 2019 WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS (BUDAPEST, HUNGARY)



**MA LONG (CHINA)**  
Men's Singles



**LIU SHIWEN (CHINA)**  
Women's Singles



**MA LONG /  
WANG CHUQIN (CHINA)**  
Men's Doubles



**SUN YINGSHA /  
WANG MANYU (CHINA)**  
Women's Doubles



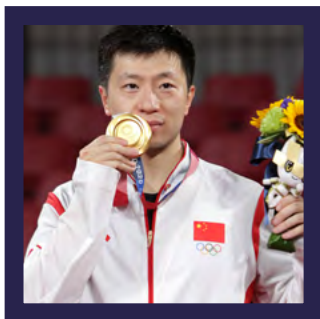
**XU XIN /  
LIU SHIWEN (CHINA)**  
Mixed Doubles

\* Please note the 2020 World Table Tennis Championships were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



# REIGNING OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020  
(TOKYO, JAPAN)



**MA LONG (CHINA)**  
Men's Singles



**CHEN MENG (CHINA)**  
Women's Singles



**CHINA**  
Men's Team



**CHINA**  
Women's Team



**MIMA ITO /  
JUN MIZUTANI (JAPAN)**  
Mixed Doubles

# PAST WORLD CHAMPIONS

YR	CITY	MEN'S SINGLES	ASSC	WOMEN'S SINGLES	ASSC
2019	Budapest	MA Long	CHN	LIU Shiwen	CHN
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 Xinaï	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	BENGTSSON 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

## PAST WORLD CHAMPIONS (CONTD.)

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

## UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

### ITTF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

2 - 8 December  
Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal

### 2021 ITTF FINLANDIA INTERNATIONAL OPEN

2 - 5 December  
Lohja, Finland

### WTT FEEDER DÜSSELDORF I

8 Dec - 11 December

### WTT YOUTH CONTENDER EILAT

13 - 19 December  
Eilat, Israel

### 2021 ITTF ARGENTINA INTERNATIONAL OPEN

15 - 18 December  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

### WTT FEEDER DÜSSELDORF II

21 Dec - 23 December

★ Defying all the odds in 2019 Women's World Cup in Chengdu, Lily Zhang (USA) became the first American player to reach the semi-finals in the history of the event. Can she do better on her home turf?

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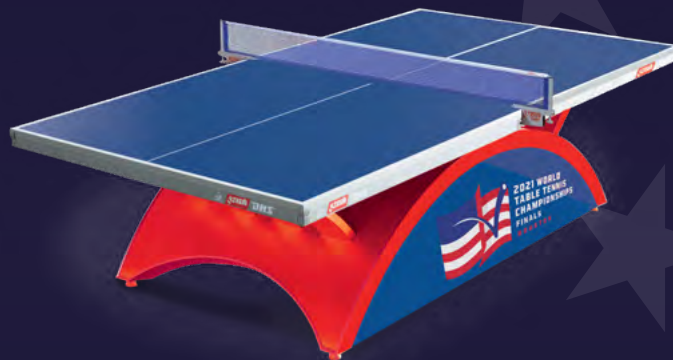


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DHS is proud to present the official table for the World Table Tennis Championships Finals in Houston, Texas.

Modelled after the classic DHS' Rainbow design, the table's undercarriage is specially customized to incorporate the 2021 WTTTC Finals logo. It also features the iconic red-blue event theme colours to commemorate the first ever World Championships to be held in the United States.

DHS is known for its high-quality tables in global large-scale events, having been the official table supplier of the Olympic Games in 2008 and 2012, as well as the World Championships in 2010 - 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 - 2019 and 2021 - 2022.

## 2021 WTTC INTERESTING FACTS

- + This is the first time the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals takes place in America.
- + This is the first time since 1939 the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals takes place out of Asia or Europe.
- + 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 Gatien, (FRA) in 1993.



Mima Ito (JPN) made the most of her 'Home Olympics' this summer with three medals, and shocked the world with the incredible upset against the Chinese pair in the Mixed Doubles finals. ★

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ACCREDITATION

**ADDRESS** George R. Brown Convention Center 3rd Floor

**OPENING HOURS** Media Accreditation begins on November 22 from 10am – 2pm.

You can collect your media accreditation by providing an ID, Passport, or Press card.

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 9:00 to 5:00. These offices are normally closed on Saturday and Sunday. Most shops are open Monday through Sunday with varying hours.

## ELECTRICITY

The voltage of United States electric networks is 120 V (A wall sockets are used).

## MONEY / CURRENCY

United States Dollars (USD) are the official currency of the U.S.

Currently, the following coins and banknotes are in use:

Coins: 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, and \$1

Banknotes: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100

## TIME ZONE

The time zone in Houston during the World Table Tennis Championships will be Central Standard Time GMT-6.

## CLIMATE

The climate of Houston in November is very pleasant.

The average temperature ranges from highs of 70° to lows of 54° (12~25°C).

## MEDIA SERVICES

To facilitate the work of journalists, the venue provides the following: Press Center / Mixed Zone / Media Tribune/ Venue photo positions / Telecommunication services  
The press center will be equipped with free wired and wireless networks 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 center offers workplaces, power supply, and internet. It is also equipped with an information desk, where the latest information on the competition and events will be obtained.

**OPENING HOURS** The Press Center hours vary daily based on competition. Daily hours will be posted at the information desk.

**MEDIA TRIBUNE SERVICES** Seats / 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 can be checked out by leaving an ID on hold until bib is returned.

There will be a “No bag policy” in place in all competition areas.

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

There is a strict NO SMOKING policy within the building. Any breach of the regulations listed above would leave an immediate withdrawal of the accreditation.

## PHOTOGRAPHERS' BRIEF

Photographer's 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, one hour before the competition starts.

**LOCATION** Press Center

**DRESS CODE** Photographers are obliged to wear a bib properly during all the competitions. Photographers should wear proper clothing at all times.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Houston has two major airports, Intercontinental (IAH) and Hobby (HOU). The George R. Brown Convention Center is approximately 15 km (10 miles) from William P. Hobby (HOU) Airport and approximately 30 km (20 miles) from George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) Airport.

For more information on the Houston Airport System, please visit [www.fly2houston.com](http://www.fly2houston.com).

## TRANSPORTATION AND DT HOUSTON

Getting around Houston is made easier through public transit, car rental, B-Cycle, and Ride-Sharing Services. We have multiple different car rental services located at both major airports.

Our METRORail runs through the heart of the city between Downtown and Midtown, and will drop you off only a few steps away from George R Brown Convention Center (Rusk and Capitol), proposed hotels, and restaurants.

Ride-Sharing services like taxis, Uber, and Lyft operate all over Houston, including the suburbs and airports. This is a great option to get from many different hotels, George R Brown Convention Center, and many of our great restaurants throughout Houston.

## PARKING

George R Brown does have multiple parking garages and parking lots available nearby. Prices do vary throughout the city. All parking is paid at kiosks adjacent to the garage or parking lot. No cashier on duty.

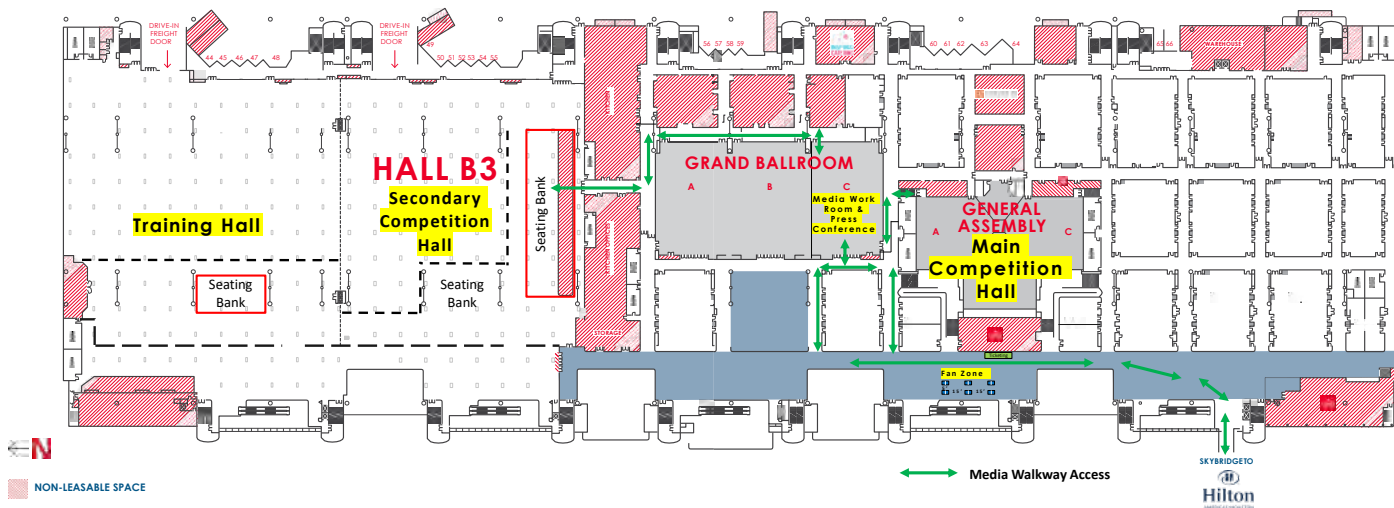
To view parking options in Downtown Houston please visit <https://www.downtownhouston.org/parking/>



Competing at 40 years old, the veteran Timo Boll (GER) will once again prove that age is just a number. ★

# VENUE MAP

## LEVEL THREE



# MEDIA TOOLS & CONTACT

## ITTF MEDIA TOOLS

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