

PROSPECTUS • INFORMATION

Dates	22 – 25 February 2018
City/Country	London, England
Host Association	England Table Tennis Association Address: Norfolk House, 88 Saxon Gate West, Milton Keynes, MK9 2DL
Venue	Name: Copper Box Arena Address: Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Waterden Road, London, E20 3HB
Prize Money	US\$ 270,000

Place	Men's Team	Women's Team
Winner	US\$ 50,000	US\$ 50,000
Runner-up	US\$ 25,000	US\$ 25,000
Semi-finalists x 2	US\$ 12,000	US\$ 12,000
Position 5-8 x 4	US\$ 6,000	US\$ 6,000
Position 9-12 x 4	US\$ 3,000	US\$ 3,000

The prize money will be paid with Tax deducted at source.

Playing system The tournament shall consist of 2 stages. Round-robin group matches in the first stage, followed by a K.O. draw to decide the winner, the runner-up and the semi-finalists positions. See details in the attached "2018_TWC_Playing System" document.

Entry closing date **Monday 4th December 2017 (Invitation confirmation deadline)**

Default Teams, which do not complete the 1st round of the "round robin" stages for whatever reason will be considered as "defaulted" and will not be eligible for any prize money.

Draw The **1st Stage Draw** will be on **21st February 2018, exact time and location to be decided at a later stage.**
The **2nd Stage Draw** will be on **23rd February 2018** after the last round robin match has finished. **Seeding will be done according to the new February 2018 Team World Ranking list**

A special team ranking list, taking into consideration only the top three athletes from each team, will be produced in order to establish the seeding for the team events.

Representative of each team is welcome to attend the draw. All players will be required to attend a personal interview on site if requested. If any extra ITTF activity is organized during the event, all players no longer in the competition should be available to participate if requested.

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- Tournament Director** Name Lucy Jones
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- Equipment** Tables: Tibhar San Ei (color turquoise)
Balls: Double Fish V40+***
Sports floor: **Trioflor** (color dark blue)
- Official Hotel** Name: **Grange Tower Bridge Hotel**
Address: 45 Prescott Street, London. E1 8GP
Phone: +44207959 5000
Weblink: <https://www.grangehotels.com/hotels-london/grange-tower-bridge/about-this-hotel/>
- Hospitality** Free hospitality (hotel, meals) will be provided to 4 persons per team (2 twin rooms will be paid by the OC) from lunch on **February 21** to the breakfast on **February 26**. Teams traveling more than 5 times zones are entitled to receive one (1) additional night's accommodation.
- For the extra accompanying personnel, the full accommodation is **€ 260** per day in a single room and **€ 170** per person, per day in a twin room, including board, lodging and local transportation. Each participating association can enter maximum 5 players.
- Information for room bookings regarding number of persons, single/double rooms and **arrival/departure date** should be provided by **Friday 12th January 2018** using the **Travel/Accommodation** form sending to ENGLAND TT E-Mail address: mark.taffler@tabletennisengland.co.uk
- Travel** All Teams should submit their arrival/departure details by **Friday 12th January 2018** and send it to E-Mail address mark.taffler@tabletennisengland.co.uk and kjindrak@ittf.com as well. Those who submitted their details will be picked up at Heathrow International Airport OR London City Airport.
- It is strongly recommended by the organizing committee that all delegations will arrive at the London City Airport.**
Transfer from Heathrow to the Hotel: approx. 3 hours
Transfer from London City to the Hotel: approx. 20 min
- Participation Confirmation** **Deadline** for confirmation is **Monday 4th December 2017**
Please send back the attached confirmation form by e-mail to **Karl JINDRAK** (kjindrak@ittf.com)

Cancellation Deadline

Deadline for **cancellation** is **Friday 12th January 2018**

If a whole team cancels for any reason after that deadline each entered player is subject to a WR penalty of up to 50 points. All cancellations, after the cancellation deadline, will be reported to the Executive Committee for final decision.

Room Cancellation

Deadline for **room cancellations** is **Friday 19th January 2018**

If a player or accompanied person will cancel after that deadline the Association have to pay **€ 260** cancellation fee per person (even two persons have shared a room, 2 x 260€ fee has to be paid)

Miscellaneous

Doping controls shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti Doping rules. Other relevant information such as travel, draw, press conference and practice time will be provided on the ITTF website in the section of "World Events" and "World Cups".

Important Information

Players must wear the official back numbers provided by the organizers/ITTF. They shall also have their names printed on the back of their shirts if possible. Players are not allowed to start the matches without the official numbers on the back of their shirts.

Teams who finish among the top two (2) positions have an obligation to attend the prize ceremony in sports clothing (Tracksuits**) including sports shoes. Teams who will not fulfill this obligation will lose the prize money.**

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Referee

TBD

Deputy Referee

TBD



Visa Requirements

The OC requests that all athletes send a scanned photocopy of their passport with the following details included to support your arrival into the United Kingdom:

- Name, surname
- Nationality
- Passport Number
- Date of birth
- Contact e-mail address (in case contact needs to be made)

Please send to: **Lucy Jones, Tournament Director** at lucy@lucyjonesevents.co.uk

Only the following participating countries need to apply for a visa to enter the United Kingdom however all athletes MUST share a copy of their passport:

Egypt

North Korea

People's Republic of China

Applying for a United Kingdom entry visa must be done via the following website:
<https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/apply>

Visa applications can be made up to 3 months before the date of travel and it is strongly advised that applications are made as early as possible, it can take up to 28 days for a visa to be issued.

To support all athletes' entry into the United Kingdom, the OC will provide an 'invitation letter' to show why an individual is entering the UK. The letter will include the tournament dates, and location. It is good practise for invitation letters to be carried by all travellers when crossing the border as even with non-visa nationals Border Force Officials have the right to ask questions about the reasons for visiting the UK.

To accompany the invitation letter, the OC will also circulate guidance information issued by the government in the United Kingdom – all athletes should read this prior to travel.

Invitation for the 2018 ITTF Team World Cup

Following Teams have been invited to the 2018 ITTF Team World Cup in **London**.

MEN´S TEAM	World Team Ranking (No. 10/17)	CONTINENTAL TEAM CHAMPIONS (2016/2017)
CHINA	1	ASIAN CHAMPION (2017)
GERMANY	2	EUROPEAN CHAMPION (2017)
BRAZIL	16	PAN AM CHAMPION (2017)
USA	45	2nd TEAM PAN AM CHAMPIONSHIPS (2017)
EGYPT	24	AFRICAN CHAMPION (2016)
AUSTRALIA	52	OCEANIA CHAMPION (2016)
MEN´S TEAM	World Team Ranking (No. 10/17)	QUALIFIED THROUGH THE WTTC 2016
JAPAN	3	2nd Place (WTTC 2016)
KOREA REPUBLIC	4	3rd Place (WTTC 2016)
ENGLAND	14	3rd Place (WTTC 2016)
FRANCE	5	5th Place (WTTC 2016)
HONG KONG	6	5th Place (WTTC 2016)
SWEDEN	7	5th Place (WTTC 2016)

WOMEN´S TEAM	World Team Ranking (No. 10/17)	CONTINENTAL TEAM CHAMPIONS (2016/2017)
CHINA	1	ASIAN CHAMPION (2017)
ROMANIA	6	EUROPEAN CHAMPION (2017)
BRAZIL	24	PAN AM CHAMPION (2017)
USA	21	2nd TEAM PAN AM CHAMPIONSHIPS (2017)
EGYPT	39	AFRICAN CHAMPION (2016)
AUSTRALIA	50	OCEANIA CHAMPION (2016)
WOMEN´S TEAM	World Team Ranking (No. 10/17)	QUALIFIED THROUGH THE WTTC 2016
JAPAN	2	2nd Place (WTTC 2016)
CHINESE TAIPEI	5	3rd Place (WTTC 2016)
KOREA DPR	9	3rd Place (WTTC 2016)
SINGAPORE	3	5th Place (WTTC 2016)
HONG KONG	4	5th Place (WTTC 2016)
ENGLAND	30	HOST ASSOCIATION

Invitations are addressed according to the Chapter 1 of the attached "WTC_Playing System_2018" document.

Substitutions shall be according to the Chapter 4 of the attached "WTC_Playing System_2018" document.

All according to the World Ranking list **WR No. 10** issued on **27th October 2017**