



PROSPECTUS INFORMATION

- 1 Authority** The LIEBHERR 2018 World Team Table Tennis Championships will be hosted and organized by the Swedish Table Tennis Association under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation.
- 2 Date and Place** The Championships will be held from **Sunday 29 April to Sunday 6 May 2018** at Halmstad Arena, Halmstad, Sweden.
- 3 Events** The following Championship events will be played:
Event 1: Men's Team, for the Swaythling Cup
(Holder: China)
Event 2: Women's Team, for the Marcel Corbillon Cup
(Holder: China)
- 4 Provisional Schedule (Subject To Change)** The venues will be open for practice
from **26 April** at 10:00 h (practice halls)
from **27 April** at 10:00 h (Main Competition Hall with 3 tables, 2nd Competition Hall with 9 Tables and 3rd Competition Hall with 12 Tables).
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| 29 April | Opening Ceremony |
| 29 Apr–2 May | Group matches (Men's and Women's) |
| 2 May | Round of 16 (Women's) |
| 3 May | Round of 16 (Men's) |
| | Quarterfinal (Women's) |
| 4 May | Quarterfinal (Men's) |
| | Semi-final (Women's) |
| 5 May | Semi-final (Men's) |
| | Final Women's Team |
| 6 May | Final Men's Team |
- 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.
- 6 Equipment** The following equipment will be used:
Tables, Net and Post: DHS Gold Rainbow for Showcourts, T1223 for other courts (blue)
Ball: Butterfly A40+*** (white)
Sports flooring: Gerflor (red)
- 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 2017 and have taken part with at least one player or team (an entry) in its preceding Continental Championships, including qualification tournaments, or Continental Games (see Regulation 4.1.3.1 and 1.16.3.3).

Nominated players have to be eligible to represent their Associations according to Regulation 4.1.3 in the 2017 ITTF Handbook. Associations with outstanding fees from previous World Championships will be required to pay the amount to the ITTF before their entries are accepted.

- 8 Fees** The entry fees will be as follows:

Men's Team Event	EUR 85
Women's Team Event	EUR 85

- 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 (both for preliminary and final) by using National Association's password to register on the ITTF web-site (ITTF.com).

9.1 Preliminary entries

The intention to enter a delegation will be the first step on the **ITTF** on-line entry system. The preliminary entries are mandatory. The closing date for the receipt of this information is **Monday 15th January 2018**.

9.2 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 **Tuesday 16th January 2018** (when Preliminary entries are over) and entries must be sent to the **ITTF** not later than **Thursday 15th February 2018**.

No additional entry is allowed after the final entry deadline (15 February 2018), only changes or cancellations are accepted in case of all accredited persons. These modifications can be done online until 15th March 2018. **The on-line system will be closed after 15th March 2018**.

9.3 Modifications

Modifications after 15th February 2018 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").

An Association may nominate up to 5 players and a non-playing captain for a team event.



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, 1 professional Press Officer from the Association, 2 AGM delegates (including the President if nominated as a delegate) 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.

The Organizing Committee guarantees that members of each "**Official delegation**" will stay in the same hotel and its annex.

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

9.4 On-line entry forms on ITTF web-site

Starting Wednesday 20 December 2017 until Monday 15th January 2018 all Associations can submit their entries on-line, on the ITTF web-site, through the following URL address:

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

9.5 Travel and accommodation information

Accommodation details have to be sent together with the final entries not later than **Thursday 15th February 2018**.

Travel details can be added on-line until **15th March 2018**.

Each Association has a login and a password to access the on-line entry system. (The code and the password is the same as was/is used at previous Juniors and cadets events.). In case of problem please contact Dimosthenis Messinis (dmessinis@ittf.com)

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 (dleroy@ittf.com).

9.6 Visa application deadline

Based on the ITTF Executive Committee decision the organizers identify deadline indicating the date after which they cannot guarantee that the visa process will be concluded on time before the WTTTC. For this reason it is in the vital interests of all participating Associations to submit all necessary information for getting the invitation letter and to get into contact with their closest Embassy/Consulate within the deadline (**visa application deadline**). Furthermore delegation members of several associations have to attend visa application interview also within a certain deadline to be sure to get the visa on time (**visa interview deadline**).



Please make note that the application process can start from **Monday 8th January 2018.**

Visa application deadline is set to 10th February 2018
Visa interview deadline is set to 25th February 2018

Check the list of nationals who need visa to stay in Sweden on this link:

<http://www.government.se/government-policy/migration-and-asylum/list-of-foreign-citizens-who-require-visa-for-entry-into-sweden/>

Check address and contact to the nearest Embassy and Consulate for visa applications on this link:

<http://www.swedenabroad.com/> and "Choose Country".

10 Copy of Passport and Photographs

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, Associations providing all required information and payment in advance will have priority during the accreditation process.

ATTENTION: All passports must be valid at least 6 months after entering Sweden.

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 regulations and rules of the ITTF Handbook. 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 Liability

12.1 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.

12.2 By entering the World Championships, each association must ensure that all delegation members confirm that they know that their personal data will be shared with the Organizers and ITTF who, in turn, undertake not to share it with any unauthorized person in any way.

12.3 In the context of betting, participants in the World Championships shall follow the ITTF Regulations against Illegal



Betting and Corruptions (page 150 of the 2017 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.

12.4 By entering the World Championships, all delegation members undertake to abide by the ITTF's anti-doping rules in effect (page 85 of the 2017 ITTF Handbook).

12.5 By entering the World Championships, all delegation members undertake to abide by the ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures (page 164 of the 2017 ITTF Handbook).

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

13 Draw

The draw for the Championships Division and Division 2, 3 will be made under the supervision of the ITTF Technical Commissioner and/or the Head of the WTTC in Halmstad on the **27th February at 14:00, Halmstad Arena.**

Place and time for further draws in later stage will be announced on site.

14 Delegations (Jury) Meeting

The Jury will meet with Organizing Committee's representatives, Referees and Team Managers in Halmstad Arena at 19:00 h **on 28 April 2018, Halmstad Arena.** The Jury will meet 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 (page 168 of the 2017 ITTF Handbook).

16 Awards

The winning Associations will be entitled to hold the appropriate trophies until 31 December 2019.

In addition to the Championship trophies the winning players and captain 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 (AGM) will be held on **Tuesday 1st May 2018 at Hotel Tylösand.** Each Association, whose membership subscriptions have been paid up to and including those for 2017, 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 **Thursday 3rd May 2018 at Hotel Tylösand.**

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 Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 23:59.**

18 Free Hospitality

Free accommodation and meals will be provided from lunch on 28 April to breakfast on 7 May 2018 for

- Two (2) men and two (2) women players nominated by an Association (on double occupancy basis);
- One (1) delegate to the Annual General Meeting from each Association if he/she is not already included in the nominated players listed above;
- Members of the ITTF Board of Directors, the Olympic and Paralympic Commission and full members of Committees and the Technical and Women in Sport Commissioners.
- Honorary Presidents and Personal Honorary Members;
- President's Advisory Council Members;
- Three (3) members of the Doping Control Panel appointed by the Sports Science & Medical Committee;
- Members of the Athletes' Commission not already included in the nominated players listed above;
- All the International Umpires, Referees and Other Officials from other Associations invited in accordance with the Directives for Match Officials;
- 7 members of the ITTF staff.

19 Hospitality for Charge

Players and officials who are listed on Associations' official entry forms but who are not entitled to free hospitality have to take the official hospitality package including meals, transport and admission, at a charge of **EUR 220** per person per day in a twin/double room or **EUR 265** per person per day in a single room.

The hospitality package includes an obligatory minimum 7 days for players and coaches and minimum 2 days for all other accredited persons.

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 meal.

Payment should be made in EUR currency by direct Bank Transfer upon receiving invoice from the Organizing Committee but not later than 5th March 2018 to the following account:

Account Holder: Destination Halmstad AB, Box 47 301 02 Halmstad, VAT SE556650522701

Bank Name: Nordea Bank AB

Bank Address: 105 71 Stockholm

Account Number: SE63 9500 0099 6026 0429 7461

BIC/Swift: NDEASESS



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

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

Cancellation

Reimbursement of pre-paid costs will be done upon request only if the cancellation has been announced before **15th March 2018**.

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

Before 15th March 2018 - no cancellation fee.

From 16th March 2018 onward – **100 % cancellation fee of the total costs for each person not having 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 any of these 3 above confirmations on time they are free to cancel the rooms.

21 Arrival Information

The deadline to provide travel details is **15th March 2018**.

Participating delegations **must** inform the WTTTC Competition Manager, Didier Leroy (dleroy@ittf.com) and the Organizing Committee (info@wttc2018halmstad.com) 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 26 April 2018. Delegations not providing travel details before 23:59 h. (local time) on 26 April 2018 will not have their team included in the draw.

The Organizing Committee provides pick-up service from and to **Göteborg Landvetter International Airport (GOT), Halmstad Airport (HAD) and Halmstad Railway Station**. The Organizing Committee can provide assistance in case of arrival at **Copenhagen International Airport (CPH) but the Association is responsible to pay for the extra costs for the train service between Copenhagen and Halmstad**.