

WORLD CUP

The names of the players for all the qualification matches must be provided by 4:00 pm on thursday, april 9th at the latest and no change of players will be allowed after that.

Format qualification and elimination

MEN and WOMEN

6 + 3 reserve players (minimum 5 players to make up a team)

D-D-S-S-D-D (12 games - 1 point per game)

1 game first to 5 on each table - 2 points difference (Up to 8 maximum)

Possible tie 6-6 in Qualification **OR** Penalty in Elimination.

4 players will play 2 matches and 2 players will play 1 match, so there must always be 6 different names on each scoresheet. The first 2 Doubles matches (D1 & D2) and the first 2 Singles matches (S1 & S2) must be played by 6 different players.

JUNIOR and SENIOR

4 + 2 reserve players (minimum 3 players)

D-D-S-S-D (10 Games - 1 point per game)

1 game first to 5 on each table - 2 points difference (Up to 8 maximum)

Possible tie 5-5 in Qualification **OR** Penalty in Elimination.

Players play 2 matches; so there must always be 4 names on each scoresheet.

The 1st Doubles matches (D1 & D2) must be played by 4 different players. Singles matches (S1 & S2) must be played by 2 different players.

DISABLED

3 + 1 reserve players (minimum 2 players) - male and/or female players can be part of a Disabled team

S-D-S-D (8 Games - 1 point per game)

1 game first to 5 on each table - 2 points difference (Up to 8 maximum)

Possible tie 4-4 in Qualification **OR** Penalty in Elimination.

Players play 2 matches; so there must always be 3 names on each scoresheet.

The 1st single (S1) and 1st Double (D1) matches must be played by 3 different players.

Qualification Ranking system

At the end of the match, points will be granted according to the number of games won by each team:

- when a team has won more than 6 games (5 in Junior, Senior and 4 in Disabled events), it is granted 2 points

- when a team has won 6 games (5 in the Junior, Senior and 4 in Disabled events), it is granted 1 point

- when a team has won less than 6 games (5 in the Junior, Senior and 4 in Disabled events), it is granted 0 point

Specific cases linked to the number of players in a team

Men and Women 5 vs 6 : D1 is forfeited ; D2, S1 and S2 must be played by 4 different players if you have 5 players only ; **5 vs 5** : S1 is not played ; D1, D2 and S2 must be played by 5 different players; penalties at 5-5 in elimination

Junior and Senior 4 vs 3 : D1 is forfeited ; D2 and S1 must be played by 3 different players if you have 3 players only ; **3 vs 3** : D1 is not played ; D2 and S1 must be played by 3 different players; penalties at 4-4 in elimination.

Disabled 3 vs 2 : D1 is forfeited ; **2 vs 2** : D1 is not played



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUALIFICATION

- Top Seeds: the Top 4 players/teams in the 2014 ITSF Men's Singles/Doubles and Women's Singles/Doubles World Rankings will not play qualification matches.
- In the Men's and Women's' Singles/Doubles categories, **only the first 32 players or teams will qualify.**
In the Junior and Senior Singles/Doubles categories, and in the Disabled Doubles category, **only the first 16 players or teams will qualify.**
- A match is **ONLY 1 game, first to 7** (the 2-point difference rule does **NOT** apply). 1 point is awarded for each game won.
- Each player will compete against 6 to 8 (TBD) different opponents and will play at least 50% of their matches on their table of choice (more where both players have chosen the same table).
- **A coin flip shall precede the start of each match :**

The player who wins the flip has the choice of table side or first serve.
The player who loses the flip has the remaining option.

ELIMINATION

- A match is **best of 5 games** switching table after each game, **first to 5** on each game.
- In the 5th game, 1 ball is played on the first table, then players play 2 balls alternately on each table until there is a winner with a 2 points difference (no point limit).
- **2 coin flips shall precede the start of each match:**
 - the player who wins the first flip gets to choose the side of the table he/she will play on for ALL the games in that match; he/she must play on the same side on both tables.
 - the player who wins the second flip will choose which table is played first or who gets to serve first. The player who loses this flip has the remaining option.
 - The losing player of the previous game will get the serve.

