

How players qualify for the 2017 World Championships*

*Hamburg – GERMANY (KAMPNAGEL – APRIL 11th to 16th 2017)

2015 Sport season starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st, 2015

2016 Sport season starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st, 2016

Players can qualify for the World Championships in several ways:

- *through the ITSF World Rankings and confederation ranking*
- *by winning a competition at the previous World Championships*
- *by winning World Series and International Series events*
- *through National Federations*

NB: Only Junior born in 1998 and after are able to participate to the World Championships 2017.

➤ ITSF World Rankings

- Top 16 men, Top 8 Women, Top 3 Junior and Top 3 Senior **2015 World Singles Ranking**
- Top 16 men, Top 8 Women, Top 3 Junior and Top 3 Senior **2016 World Singles Ranking**
- Top 3 Men, Top 1 Women **2016 Confederation Singles Ranking**
(Asia, Europe, North America and South America)

➤ World Championships titleholders

All titleholders (in Singles and Doubles) from the previous World Championships edition are automatically qualified, except when the champions are too old to qualify in their categories; for example, Junior champions who are no longer Juniors or champions who become Seniors. These players are NOT entitled to a travel package.

There can be no substitute players for these qualified players (neither in Singles nor Doubles).

➤ ITSF World SPEEDBALL and CLASSIC Rankings

- Top 4 men, Top 2 Women, Top 1 Junior and Top 1 Senior **2016 World Combined Ranking**
 - Each player may choose his/her partner from the same country
- Top 1 Men, Top 1 Women **2016 Confederation Combined Ranking**
(Asia, Europe, North America and South America)

The definitive list of these players will be known after the last tournament of the 2015 and 2016 Tour, on December 31st. **These players are entitled to a travel package** when their federation is an ITSF Regular Member (see page 4 for information on travel packages).

If a player (male or female) who qualified through the ITSF World Rankings cannot make it to the World Championships, the *next highest ranked PLAYER* in the Rankings can go instead – **there will be no travel package for these substitute players**. Please note that there is no substitute players possible for 2016 confederation singles ranking.

➤ “World Series” (WS) and “International Series” events

- **2015 & 2016 World Series:** Top 3 Men, Top 1 Women, Top 1 Junior and Top 1 Senior in **Singles and Doubles** categories.
- **2016 World Series – Speed Ball and Classic doubles** – Top 1 for each event is qualified.
- Top 1 Open Singles of each **International Series 2016** events are also qualified.

These players are entitled to a travel package (See page 4) when their federation is an ITSF Regular Member (except for the qualified players from World Series in Men, Women, Junior and Senior **Doubles** – no travel package for these qualified players. Moreover, **ONLY** Top 1 Men doubles in Classic and Speedball events are entitled to a travel package – no travel package for other categories in Classic and Speedball events).

There can be **no substitute players** for these qualified players (except for Junior Doubles : if one of the team is not allowed to take part in World Championships because he/she is too old, the other one is allowed to choose someone of his/her federation).

For each World Series, Men, Women, Junior and Senior **Doubles are qualified ONLY if the teams are from the same nationality.**

If a player wins more than one World Series with different partners of his country he has to decide between them.

➤ National Federations

All ITSF member federations (regardless of their membership category) are entitled to send their players as follows:

Qualification for World Championships 2017							
	ASSOCIATE MEMBER	REGULAR MEMBER					
		under 500 members	U-1000	U-2000	U-5000	U-10 000	10000+
Men's doubles *	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Women's doubles *	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Junior doubles *	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Senior doubles *	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Men's singles	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Women's singles	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Junior singles	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Senior Singles	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Disable singles	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit
Disable doubles *	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit

* Applicable for doubles in Official, Speedball and Classic events.

- Each National Federation should determine their qualifications system according the number of qualified players listed above. Each National federation must publish their qualification system and conditions to all its members. NB : Qualified players can be either from 2015 and/or 2016 sport season.

- There is no travel package for National Federations qualification and no additional Wild Card.
- If a player automatically qualifies to go to the World Championships because of his/her rank in the ITSF World Rankings; or he/she is a World Championships titleholder; or he/she has qualified at World Series or International Series events; that country can send respectively others players to the World Championships in that category.

TRAVEL PACKAGES

Qualified players entitled to travel packages

	World Rankings 2015* & 2016	ITSF Confederation Ranking 2016	World Series 2016	International 2016
Men's Singles	Top 16	Top 3	Top 3	Top 1
Women's Singles	Top 8	Top 1	Top 1	
Junior Singles	Top 3		Top 1	
Senior Singles	Top 3		Top 1	
Speedball Men	Top 4	Top 1	Top 1 (open double)	
Speedball Women	Top 2	Top 1		
Speedball Junior	Top 1			
Speedball Senior	Top 1			
Classic Men	Top 4	Top 1	Top 1 (open double)	
Classic Women	Top 2	Top 1		
Classic Junior	Top 1			
Classic Senior	Top 1			

Travel packages are available for these players ONLY and only when their federation is an ITSF Regular Member.

Each package amounts to **€250 to €800*** depending on country of origin:

Continents	Packages
Europe	€250
Africa	€500
North America	€700
Asia ; Central and South America ; Oceania	€800

The travel packages will be given on site during the World Championships.

*Please note that package amounts above are for World Championships taking place in Europe.