

How players qualify for the 2015 World Championships*

*Competition will take place on April 8 to 12 2015

Sport season starts on November 1st, 2013 and ends on December 31st, 2014

Players can qualify for the World Championships in several ways:

- *through the ITSF World Rankings**
- *by winning a competition at the previous World Championships*
- *by winning World Championship Series and International Series events**
- *by winning the national championships in their country**
- *by benefiting from special Wild Cards when their country is an ITSF Regular Member*

*Junior's players who qualified in 2014 season are allowed to play the 2015 World Championships as a Junior.

➤ ITSF World Rankings

Those players whose accumulated ITSF rankings points for the 2014 season place them in the top 16 in Men's, top 8 in Women's and top 3 in Junior and Senior Singles Rankings worldwide will qualify to compete in the Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Junior Singles and Senior Singles events – the definite list of these players will be known after the last tournament of the 2014 Tour, on December 31st.

These players are entitled to a travel package when their federation is an ITSF Regular Member (see page 5 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.**

➤ 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 the following year 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).

➤ "World Championship Series" and "International Series" events

The top three winners in Open Singles, as well as the winner of the Women, Junior and Senior Singles competitions at WCS events automatically qualify.

The Open Singles winner of each International Series event is also qualified.

These players are entitled to a travel package when their federation is an ITSF Regular Member.

There can be no substitute players for these qualified players.

NB : For each World Championship Series, **first 3 Men Doubles and winners of Women, Junior and Senior Doubles are qualified for the World Championships ONLY** if the teams are from the same nationality*.

These players are NOT entitled to a travel package.

*If one of them cannot make it to the World Cup, the other one is allowed to choose someone of his federation.

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

➤ **National Champions**

All ITSF member federations (regardless of their membership category) are entitled to send their national champions in the following categories: Men, Women, Junior* (18 and under - players born in 1996 or after) and Senior (50 years & over - players born in 1964 or before).

There is no limit to the number of teams that member federations can send for the Disabled Doubles category.

As a general rule, if a national champion (male or female) cannot make it to the World Championships (in Singles or Doubles), the *next highest placing PLAYER in Singles* in the national qualifying event can go instead in the case of Singles. In the case of Doubles, the *next highest placing TEAM in Doubles* in the national qualifying event can go instead. The national federation has the final say and must conduct the selection of its national champions in a clear and fair way.

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 WCS or International Series events; and if this same player is also the national champion of his/her country in their category, that country can send 2 players to the World Championships in that category: the one who qualified automatically plus the runner-up of the national qualifying event.

There is no travel package for national champions.

<i>National Champions of each ITSF Member Federation</i>	
Disabled Doubles	No team limit (male or female)
Men's Doubles	1 team
Women's Doubles	1 team
Junior Doubles	1 team (male or female)
Senior Doubles	1 team (male or female)
Men's Singles	1 player
Women's Singles	1 player
Junior Singles	1 player (male or female)
Senior Singles	1 player (male or female)

➤ **Wild Cards**

All ITSF **Regular Member federations** benefit from special Wild Cards to have an extra team of players in all the Doubles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior. ITSF Associate Members are not entitled to Wild Cards.

Apart from these, ITSF **Regular Member federations with a membership of 500 to 1999 licensees** benefit from extra Wild Cards in all the Singles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior.

ITSF **Regular Member federations with a membership of 2000 licensees or more** benefit from yet extra Wild Cards in all Singles and Doubles categories: Men's, Women's, Junior and Senior.

There is no travel package for players benefiting from Wild Cards.

<i>Wild Cards for ITSF Regular Members - Recap</i>				
	<i>50 to 499 licensees</i>	<i>500 to 999 licensees</i>	<i>1000 to 1999 licensees</i>	<i>2000 + licensees</i>
Men's Doubles	1 team	1 team	2 teams	2 teams
Women's Doubles	1 team	1 team	2 teams	2 teams
Junior Doubles	1 team (male or fem.)	1 team (male or fem.)	2 teams (male or fem.)	2 teams (male or fem.)
Senior Doubles	1 team (male or fem.)	1 team (male or fem.)	2 teams (male or fem.)	2 teams (male or fem.)
Men's Singles	-	1 player	1 player	2 players
Women's Singles	-	1 player	1 player	2 players
Junior Singles	-	1 player (male or fem.)	1 player (male or fem.)	2 players (male or fem.)
Senior Singles	-	1 player (male or fem.)	1 player (male or fem.)	2 players (male or fem.)

Qualified players entitled to travel packages

	World Rankings	WCS	International
Men's Singles	Top 16	Top 3	Top 1
Women's Singles	Top 8	Top 1	-
Junior Singles	Top 3	Top 1	-
Senior Singles	Top 3	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 at the World Cup.