

**International Table Tennis Federation**  
**Chengdu Airlines 2019 ITTF Men's World Cup**  
**29 Nov - 1 Dec 2019, Chengdu (CHN)**

## **CHENGDU AIRLINES 2019 ITTF MEN'S WORLD CUP MEDIA KIT**

<b>CITY:</b>	Chengdu, China
<b>SITE:</b>	Sichuan Province Gymnasium, No.8, 4th Section of South People's Road, Chengdu, Sichuan
<b>DATE:</b>	29 November – 01 December 2019
<b>PLAYERS:</b>	20
<b>TABLES:</b>	2
<b>TABLE BRAND:</b>	Donic (Blue)
<b>BALL BRAND:</b>	DHS D40+
<b>FLOOR BRAND:</b>	Enlio (Red)
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### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the Chengdu Airlines 2019 ITTF Men's World Cup. It is the second most prestigious table tennis event of the year after the World Championships and is contested by 20 of the best players in the world.

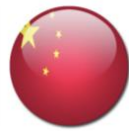
The Chengdu Airlines 2019 ITTF Men's World Cup will be held in Chengdu. It will be held in the same venue as the 2019 Women's World Cup. The previous edition was in Paris, France.

The 20 players taking part in the Chengdu Airlines 2019 ITTF Men's World Cup qualified through their Continental Cups, apart from wildcard awarded to Mattias Falck (SWE).

This preview is designed to provide an update on the Chengdu Airlines 2019 ITTF Men's World Cup. Enclosed are statistics and notes that will be of assistance during the tournament. Players' biographies as well as statistical, historical and personal data can be found on ITTF.com. Please make player interview requests through a member of the ITTF media staff located in the pressroom.

### **Key Dates/Times**

- 28 November 2019, 04:00pm @ Sichuan Jinjiang Hotel – First Stage Draw
- 29 November 2019, 10:00am @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Day 1
- 29 November 2019, 06:00pm @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Second Stage Draw
- 30 November 2019, 10:00am @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Opening Ceremony
- 30 November 2019, 10:30am @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Day 2
- 30 November 2019, 05:30pm @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Quarter-finals
- 01 December 2019, 10:30am @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Semi-finals
- 01 December 2019, 04:30pm @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – 3rd/4th Place & Final



## Qualification

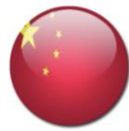
The 20 players who contest the Chengdu Airlines 2019 ITTF Men's World Cup comprise:

- The current World Champion
- 17 players who have qualified through their respective Continental Cups.
- If no player qualifies from the host association through the above avenues, the host association may nominate a player
- If a host association player is already qualified, then an additional player shall be added from the Continental Cups.
- The final player is chosen by the ITTF as a wildcard.
- If the World Champion is not available or withdraws, she shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked and highest finisher from the Continental Cups

How the 17 places are determined through the Continental Cup:

- The winner of each Continental Cup, plus the second and third highest finishers from Asia and Europe qualify, a total of 10 players.
- Seven additional players are selected from the Continental Cups based on their order of finishing and their World Ranking. The highest ranked player amongst players finishing second in Africa, Latin America, North America, Oceania, and fourth in Asia and Europe, are selected. The highest ranked next player from the remaining players in the top most place on the qualifying positions from each Continental Cup, are selected, and so on, until the seven places are filled.

#	WR – Nov 19	Player	Capacity
1	4	MA Long (CHN 1)	World Champion
2	34	Omar ASSAR (EGY 1)	Africa Cup Winner
3	1	FAN Zhendong (CHN 2)	Asia Cup Winner
4	6	Hugo CALDERANO (BRA 1)	PanAm Cup Winner
5	26	Kanak JHA (USA 1)	PanAm Cup 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
6	66	HU Heming (AUS 1)	Oceania Cup Winner
7	12	Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER 2)	Europe Cup Winner
8	11	Koki NIWA (JPN 1)	Asian Cup 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
9	5	Tomokazu HARIMOTO (JPN 2)	Asian Cup 4 <sup>th</sup> Place
10	23	Vladimir SAMSONOV (BLR 1)	Europe Cup 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
11	8	Timo BOLL (GER 2)	Europe Cup 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
12	10	LIN Yun-Ju (TPE 1)	Asian Cup 5 <sup>th</sup> Place
13	43	Daniel HABESOHN (AUT 1)	Europe Cup 4 <sup>th</sup> Place
14	22	Simon GAUZY (FRA 1)	Europe Cup 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Place
15	24	Jonathan GROTH (DEN 1)	Europe Cup 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Place
16	25	Kristian KARLSSON (SWE 1)	Europe Cup 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Place
17	30	Sathiyam GNANASEKARAN (IND 1)	Asian Cup 6 <sup>th</sup> Place
18	18	LEE Sangsu (KOR 1)	Asian Cup 7 <sup>th</sup> Place
19	20	Quadri ARUNA (NGR 1)	Replacement
20	9	Mattias FALCK (SWE 2)	Wild Card



## Playing System

The Chengdu Airlines 2019 ITTF Men's World Cup consists of two stages:

\*Seeding is based on latest World Rankings.

### Stage One

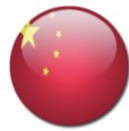
- In stage one, the players seeded 9 to 20 (12 players) are drawn into four equal groups of three players, with all members of a group playing each other.
- Players seeded 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th head each group A, B, C and D respectively.
- Players seeded 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th are drawn randomly into the second position of each preliminary group.
- The remaining players seeded 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th are drawn randomly into the third and last position in each preliminary group
- If there are 2 players from the same Association, they will be drawn into separate groups.
- The top 2 finishers of each preliminary group shall join the top 8 seeded players in the second stage of the competition

### Stage Two

- Stage two is knock-out stage of the competition.
- The draws for seeded 1st – 8th will be completed according to ITTF Regulations.
- Seed 1 placed in position 1, seed 2 placed in position 16
- Seeds 3 and 4 drawn between position 8 and 9
- Seeds 5-8 drawn randomly into positions 4, 5, 12 and 13.
- Group winners from the preliminary stage will be drawn randomly into positions 3, 6, 11 and 14.
- The second place finishers of each group shall be drawn randomly into positions 2, 7, 10 and 15 of the draw; group winners and second place finishers from the same group will be drawn into opposite halves of the draw; there will be no separation by association.
- Losers of the semi-finals play each other for third place.
- All matches will be best of 7 games.

## Prize Money

<b>Winner:</b>	US\$60,000
<b>Runner-up:</b>	US\$40,000
<b>3rd place:</b>	US\$20,000
<b>4th place:</b>	US\$14,000
<b>5th – 8th place:</b>	US\$10,000
<b>9th – 16th place:</b>	US\$7,000
<b>17th – 20th place:</b>	US\$5,000
<b>Total:</b>	US\$250,000



## Past Winners and Locations

Year	Host City	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2018	Paris	Fan Zhendong (CHN)	Timo Boll (GER)	Lin Gaoyuan (CHN)
2017	Liege	Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER)	Timo Boll (GER)	Ma Long (CHN)
2016	Saarbrücken	Fan Zhendong (CHN)	Xu Xin (CHN)	Wong Chun Ting (HKG)
2015	Halmstad	Ma Long (CHN)	Fan Zhendong (CHN)	Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER)
2014	Düsseldorf	Zhang Jike (CHN)	Ma Long (CHN)	Timo Boll (GER)
2013	Verviers	Xu Xin (CHN)	Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)	Dimitrij Ovtcharov (GER)
2012	Liverpool	Ma Long (CHN)	Timo Boll (GER)	Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)
2011	Paris	Zhang Jike (CHN)	Wang Hao (CHN)	Joo Sae-Hyuk (KOR)
2010	Magdeburg	Wang Hao (CHN)	Zhang Jike (CHN)	Timo Boll (GER)
2009	Moscow	Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)	Chen Qi (CHN)	Ma Long (CHN)
2008	Liege	Wang Hao (CHN)	Timo Boll (GER)	Ma Long (CHN)
2007	Barcelona	Wang Hao (CHN)	Ryu Seung-Min (KOR)	Wang Liqin (CHN)
2006	Paris	Ma Lin (CHN)	Wang Hao (CHN)	Wang Liqin (CHN)
2005	Liege	Timo Boll (GER)	Wang Hao (CHN)	Ma Lin (CHN)
2004	Hangzhou	Ma Lin (CHN)	Kalinikos Kreanga (GRE)	Wang Hao (CHN)
2003	Jiangyin	Ma Lin (CHN)	Kalinikos Kreanga (GRE)	Wang Liqin (CHN)
2002	Jinan	Timo Boll (GER)	Kong Linghui (CHN)	Zoran Primorac (CRO)
2001	Courmayeur	Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)	Wang Liqin (CHN)	Jörg Roßkopf (GER)
2000	Yangzhou	Ma Lin (CHN)	Kim Taek-soo (KOR)	Wang Liqin (CHN)
1999	Xiaolan	Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)	Werner Schlager (AUT)	Zoran Primorac (CRO)
1998	Shantou	Jörg Roßkopf (GER)	Kim Taek-soo (KOR)	Zoran Primorac (CRO)
1997	Nimes	Zoran Primorac (CRO)	Kong Linghui (CHN)	Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)
1996	Nimes	Liu Guoliang (CHN)	Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE)	Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)
1995	Nimes	Kong Linghui (CHN)	Jörg Roßkopf (GER)	Liu Guoliang (CHN)
1994	Taipei	Jean-Phillippe Gatien (FRA)	Jean-Michel Saive (BEL)	Zoran Primorac (CRO)
1993	Guangzhou	Zoran Primorac (CRO)	Wang Tao (CHN)	Wenguan Jonny Huang (CAN)
1992	Ho Chi Minh City	Ma Wenge (CHN)	Kim Teak-soo (KOR)	Yoo Nam-kyu (KOR)
1991	Kuala Lumpur	Jörgen Persson (SWE)	Jean-Phillippe Gatien (FRA)	Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE)
1990	Chiba City	Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE)	Ma Wenge (CHN)	Chen Longcan (CHN)



1989	Nairobi	Ma Wenge (CHN)	Andrzej Grubba (POL)	Mikael Appelgren (SWE)
1988	Guangzhou & Wuhan	Andrzej Grubba (POL)	Chen Longcan (POL)	Jiang Jialiang (CHN)
1987	Macao	Teng Yi (CHN)	Jiang Jialiang (CHN)	Andrzej Grubba (POL)
1986	Port of Spain	Chen Longcan (CHN)	Jiang Jialiang (CHN)	Kim Wan (KOR)
1985	Foshan	Chen Xinhua (CHN)	Andrzej Grubba (POL)	Jiang Jialiang (CHN)
1984	Kuala Lumpur	Jiang Jialiang (CHN)	Kim Wan (KOR)	Ulf Bengsson (SWE)
1983	Barbados	Mikael Appelgren (SWE)	Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE)	Erik Lindh (SWE)
1982	Hong Kong	Guo Yuehua (CHN)	Mikael Appelgren (SWE)	Xie Saike (CHN)
1981	Kuala Lumpur	Tibor Klampár (HUN)	Xie Saike (CHN)	Guo Yuehua (CHN)
1980	Hong Kong	Guo Yuehua (CHN)	Li Zhenshi (CHN)	Josef Dvoracek (CZE)

### Most Successful Men's World Cup Players

The most successful Men at the World Cup is Ma Lin (CHN)

Ma Lin (CHN)	4 (2000, 2003, 2004, 2006)
Wang Hao (CHN)	3 (2007, 2008, 2012)
Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)	3 (1999, 2001, 2009)

Vladimir Samsonov will be looking to match the record of 4 World Cup titles while Timo Boll, Fan Zhendong & Ma Long will try to make it 3. Dimitrij Ovtcharov is the only other players who have won the World Cup.

### Most Men's World Cup Appearances

Vladimir Samsonov will make a record tying 18<sup>th</sup> appearance at the Men's World Cup. The Record number of appearance is now held by 3 players Jan-Ove Waldner, Jean-Michel Saive & Valdimir Samsonov (18)

Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE)	18
Jean-Michel Saive (BEL)	18
Valdimir Samsonov (BLR)	18
Timo Boll (GER)	16

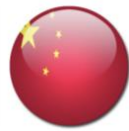


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**Players Information**

Seeding	Name	WR	Hand	Grip	Play Style	AGE	MWC Stats		
							% Won	Played	Won
1	FAN Zhendong CHN	1	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	22	92%	12	11
2	MA Long CHN	4	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	31	80%	30	24
3	Tomokazu HARIMOTO JPN	5	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	16	50%	2	1
4	Hugo CALDERANO BRA	6	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	23	20%	5	1
5	Timo BOLL GER	8	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	38	70%	70	49
6	Mattias FALCK SWE	9	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	28	33%	3	1
7	LIN Yun-Ju TPE	10	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	18	-	Debut	
8	Koki NIWA JPN	11	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	25	50%	6	3
9	Dimitrij OVTCHAROV GER	12	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	31	59%	39	23
10	LEE Sangsu KOR	18	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	29	67%	9	6
11	Aruna QUADRI NGR	20	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	31	43%	14	6
12	Simon GAUZY FRA	22	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	25	55%	11	6
13	Vladimir SAMSONOV BLR	23	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	43	66%	79	52
14	Jonathan GROTH DEN	24	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	27	67%	3	2
15	Kristian Karlsson SWE	25	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	28	56%	9	5
16	Kanak JHA USA	26	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	19	14%	7	1
17	Sathiyam GNANASEKARAN IND	30	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	26	-	Debut	
18	Omar ASSAR EGY	34	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	28	33%	6	2
19	Daniel HABESOHN AUT	43	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	33	-	Debut	
20	HU Heming AUS	66	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	25	-	2	0





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## Tournament Facts

- The 2019 Men's World Cup is the 40<sup>th</sup> edition.
- Chengdu will host the event for the first time but it is the 9<sup>th</sup> time is held in China
- It is the first time in 15 years that the Men's World Cup is held in Asia.
- The oldest competitor is Samsonov (BLR), who is 43 years old. The youngest is Tomokazu Harimoto (JPN) who is 16, a difference of 27 years!
- The longest time China did not win the Men's World Cup was 3 years (1997-1999).
- Only Ma Lin (2003 & 2004) & Wang Hao (2007 & 2008) have won back to back World Cups.
- Timo Boll (2002, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2017, 2018) has the most final appearance along with Wang Hao with 6.
- Fan Zhendong will enter the competition as first seed as he did when he won the title in 2018.
- Lin Yun-Ju (TPE), Sathiyam Gnanasekaran (IND) and Daniel Habesohn will be making their tournament debut.

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