



UNCLE POP 2019 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP MEDIA KIT

CITY:	Chengdu, China
SITE:	Sichuan Province Gymnasium, No.8, 4th Section of South People's Road, Chengdu, Sichuan
DATE:	18 – 20 October 2019
PLAYERS:	20
TABLES:	2
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Uncle Pop 2019 Women'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 Uncle Pop 2019 Women's World Cup will be held in Chengdu. It is the first time since 2007 that the event is held in Chengdu. The previous edition was also held in Chengdu, China

The 20 players taking part in the Uncle Pop 2019 Women's World Cup qualified through their Continental Cups, apart from wildcard awarded to Lily Zhang(USA) & World Champion Liu Shi Wen (CHN).

This preview is designed to provide an update on the Uncle Pop 2019 Women'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

- 18 October 2019, 10:30am @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Day 1
- 18 October 2019, 06:30pm @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Draw for Stage 2
- 19 October 2019, 10:00am @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Opening Ceremony
- 19 October 2019, 10:30am @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – R16
- 19 October 2019, 04:30pm @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Quarter-finals
- 20 October 2019, 01:00pm @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – Semi-finals
- 20 October 2019, 06:30pm @ Sichuan Province Gymnasium – 3rd place play off & Final

Qualification

The 20 players who contest the Uncle Pop 2019 Women'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 – Aug 19	Player	Capacity
1	5	LIU Shiwen (CHN 1)	World Champion
2	49	Dina MESHREF (EGY 1)	African Cup Winner
3	3	ZHU Yuling (CHN 2)	Asian Cup Winner
4	30	DIAZ Adriana (PUR 1)	Pan Am Cup Winner
5	27	Zhang Mo (CAN 1)	Pan Am Cup (2nd player)
6	79	LAY Jian Fang (AUS)	Oceania Cup Winner
7	24	Patrissa SOLJA (GER 1)	Europe Cup Winner
8	6	Kasumi ISHIKAWA (JPN 1)	Asian Cup 3rd place (2nd Qualifier)
9	12	FENG Tianwei (SGP 1)	Asian Cup 4th place (3rd Qualifier)
10	14	Bernadette SZOCS (ROU 1)	Europe Cup 2nd place (2nd Qualifier)
11	16	Sofia POLCANOVA (AUT 1)	Europe Cup 3rd place (3rd Qualifier)
12	11	DOO Hoi Kem (HKG 1)	Asian Cup 5th Position
13	10	Miu HIRANO (JPN 2)	Asian Cup 6th Position
14	18	JEON Jihee (KOR 1)	Asian Cup 7th Position
15	9	CHENG I-Ching (TPE 1)	Asian Cup 8th Position
16	25	CHEN Szu-Yu (TPE 2)	Asian Cup 9-10th Position
17	35	WU Yue (USA 1)	Pam Am Cup 3 rd Position
18	54	Natalia PARTYKA (POL 1)	Europe Cup 4th Position
19	28	Elizabeta Samara (ROU 2)	Europe Cup 5-8th Position
20	66	Lily ZHANG (USA 2)	Wild Card

Playing System

The Uncle Pop 2019 Women'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

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

Past Winners and Locations

Year	Host City	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2018	Chengdu	DING Ning (CHN)	Zhu Yuling (CHN)	Cheng I-Ching (TPE)
2017	Markham	Zhu Yuling (CHN)	Liu Shiwen (CHN)	Cheng I-Ching (TPE)
2016	Philadelphia	Hirano Miu (JPN)	Cheng I-Ching (TPE)	Feng Tianwei (SGP)
2015	Sendai	Liu Shiwen (CHN)	Ishikawa Kasumi (JPN)	Solja Petrisa (GER)
2014	Linz	Ding Ning (CHN)	Li Xiaoxia (CHN)	Ishikawa Kasumi (JPN)
2013	Kobe	Liu Shiwen (CHN)	Wu Yang (CHN)	Feng Tianwei (SGP)
2012	Huangshi	Liu Shiwen (CHN)	Samara Elizabeta (ROU)	Shen Yanfei (ESP)
2011	Singapore	Ding Ning (CHN)	Li Xiaoxia (CHN)	Tie Yana (HKG)
2010	Kuala Lumpur	Guo Yan (CHN)	Jiang Huajun (HKG)	Guo Yue (CHN)
2009	Guangzhou	Liu Shiwen (CHN)	Guo Yue (CHN)	Li Xiaoxia (CHN)
2008	Kuala Lumpur	Li Xiaoxia (CHN)	Tie Yana (HKG)	Feng Tianwei (SGP)
2007	Chengdu	Wang Nan (CHN)	Zhang Yining (CHN)	Guo Yue (CHN)
2006	Urumqi	Guo Yan (CHN)	Zhang Yining (CHN)	Li Jiawei (SGP)
2005	Guangzhou	Zhang Yining (CHN)	Guo Yan (CHN)	Fukuhara Ai (JPN)
2004	Hangzhou	Zhang Yining (CHN)	Wang Nan (CHN)	Tie Yana (HKG)
2003	Paris	Wang Nan (CHN)	Niu Jianfeng (CHN)	Zhang Yining (CHN)
2002	Singapore	Zhang Yining (CHN)	Li Nan (CHN)	Tie Yana (HKG)
2001	Wuhu	Zhang Yining (CHN)	Kim Hyon Hui (PRK)	Steff Mihaela (ROU)
2000	Phnom Penh	Li Ju (CHN)	Wang Nan (CHN)	Sun Jin (CHN)
1998	Taipei	Wang Nan (CHN)	Li Ju (CHN)	Tong Feiming (TPE)
1997	Shanghai	Wang Nan (CHN)	Li Ju (CHN)	Li Chunli (NZL)
1996	Hong Kong	Deng Yaping (CHN)	Yang Ying (CHN)	Wang Chen (CHN)

Most Successful Women's World Cup Players

3 Women have won the world cup 4 times:

Liu Shiwen (CHN)	4 (2015, 2013, 2012, 2009)
Zhang Yining (CHN)	4 (2005, 2004, 2002, 2001)
Wang Nan (CHN)	4 (2007, 2003, 1998, 1997)

LIU Shiwen is currently tied with a record 4 Women's World Cup title and is looking to win her 5th. Zhu Yuling will look to reclaim the title she last won in 2017. Miu Hirano is the only non-Chinese player to lift the trophy (2016), she will try to repeat her victory while Cheng I-Ching is looking to make it 4 straight podium finishes.

Most Women's World Cup Appearances

Liu Jia (AUT) become the player with the most Women's World Cup appearance in 2018 after over taking Tie Yana (HKG).

Liu Jia (AUT)	13
Tie Yana (HKG)	12
Jiang Huajun (HKG)	9
Li Jiawei (SGP)	9



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Players Information

Seeding	Name	WR-Oct	Hand	Grip	Play Style	AGE	WWC Stats		
							% Won	Played	Won
1	ZHU Yuling CHN	3	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	24	80%	10	8
2	LIU Shiwen CHN	5	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	28	96%	25	24
3	Kasumi ISHIKAWA JPN	8	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	26	53%	19	10
4	Miu HIRANO JPN	9	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	19	70%	10	7
5	CHENG I-Ching TPE	10	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	27	61%	18	11
6	DOO Hoi Kem HKG	11	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	22	20%	5	1
7	FENG Tianwei SGP	12	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	33	62%	37	23
8	Sofia POLCANOVA AUT	16	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	25	40%	5	2
9	Bernadette SZOCS ROU	17	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	24	67%	3	2
10	JEON Jihee KOR	20	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	26	-	-	-
11	Patrissa SOLJA GER	21	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	25	60%	10	6
12	Elizabeta SAMARA ROU	22	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	30	60%	15	9
13	CHEN Szu-Yu TPE	23	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	26	57%	7	4
14	Zhang Mo CAN	25	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	30	33%	15	5
15	Adriana DIAZ PUR	27	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	18	-	-	-
16	Dina MESHREF EGY	33	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	25	19%	16	3
17	WU Yue USA	35	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	29	0%	4	0
18	Lily ZHANG USA	49	Right	Shakehand	Attacking	23	0%	4	0
19	Natalia PARTYKA POL	68	Left	Shakehand	Attacking	30	0%	3	0
20	LAY Jian Fang AUS	71	Right	Penhold	Attacking	46	11%	18	2



Tournament Facts

- The 2019 Women's World Cup is the 23rd edition.
- Chengdu will host the event for the second year running
- Miu Hirano (JPN) was the first & only non-Chinese player to have ever won the title
- The oldest competitor is Lay Jian Fang (AUS), who is 46 years old. The youngest is Adriana Diaz (PUR) at 18, a difference of 28 years!
- Lay Jian Fang (AUS) is the only penholder at the tournament
- Ding Ning and Wang Nan are the only left handers to have won the tournament.
- Elizabeta Samara is the only European women to have made the final of the Women's World Cup
- Dina Meshref is the only African women to make it pass the 1st stage of the Women's World Cup
- The last player to win back to back Women's World Cup is Liu Shiwen (2012 & 2013)

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