

1. WORLD CUP PLAYING SYSTEM

- 1.1. Seeding shall be done according to the latest available World Ranking.
- 1.2. The tournament shall consist of 2 stages.
- 1.3. In the preliminary stage the players ranked from 9 to 20 (12 players) shall be divided in 4 equal groups of 3 players, with all the members of a group playing each other.
- 1.4. Players ranked 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th shall head each group A, B, C and D respectively.
- 1.5. Players ranked 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th shall be drawn randomly into the second position of each preliminary group.
- 1.6. The remaining players ranked 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th shall be drawn randomly into the third and last position in each preliminary group.
- 1.7. If there are 2 players from the same Association, they will be drawn into separate groups.
- 1.8. The top 2 finishers of each preliminary group shall join the top 8 seeded players in the second stage of the competition.
- 1.9. The second stage of the competition shall consist of a knockout draw.
- 1.10. The draw for players seeded 1st – 8th will be done according to ITTF Regulations:
 - 3.10.1 Seed 1 placed in position 1
 - 3.10.2 Seed 2 placed in position 16
 - 3.10.3 Seeds 3 and 4 drawn between positions 8 and 9
 - 3.10.4 Seeds 5 – 8 drawn randomly into positions 4, 5, 12 and 13
- 1.11. Group winners from the preliminary stage will be drawn randomly into positions 3, 6, 11 and 14.
- 1.12. Group second place finishers from the preliminary stage will be drawn randomly into positions 2, 7, 10 and 15.
- 1.13. Group winners and second place finishers from the same group will be drawn into opposite halves of the draw.
- 1.14. There shall be no separation by Association.
- 1.15. Losers of the semi-finals shall play each other for third place.
- 1.16. All matches shall be the best of 7 games.
- 1.17. The tournament shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions.

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No.	Qualifying as
1	World Champion
2	Africa Cup Winner
3	Asian Cup Winner
4	Europe Cup Winner
5	Pan America Cup Winner
6	Oceania Cup Winner
7	Asian Cup 2 nd Place
8	Asian Cup 3 rd Place
9	Europe Cup 2 nd Place
10	Europe Cup 3 rd Place
11	Pan America Cup 2 nd Place
12	Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking
13	Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking
14	Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking
15	Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking
16	Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking
17	Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking
18	Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking
19	Host Association OR Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking
20	Wild Card

Notes:

- **Table:** This is just a brief summary of how the 20 positions are filled. Details in the qualification methods are described in point 1 and 2.
- **Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking:** Details of method as described under point 2.
- **Host Association:** if already qualified otherwise then the position is filled by the Continental Cups' order of finishing & World Ranking.
- **Number of players from the same Association:** There shall not be more than 2 players from the same Association.