



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
Headquarters, Operations and Olympic Games

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Subject: Invitation for Umpires for the 2020 Olympic Games, Tokyo

Dear Friends,

The ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee (URC) cordially invite National Associations to nominate Blue Badge International Umpires (BB) for this prestigious event, which will take place in Tokyo, Japan, from 25th July – 7th August 2020. You may nominate two IUs who have achieved Blue Badge status, at least one of whom must be female – i.e. only one male umpire may be nominated. The primary selection criteria will be excellence so please only nominate umpires who are considered to be your best.

You may submit your nominations using the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5Foa9bTaBIoVGZddYV1qJONJDrwsgD-n4mDBErFSYoplL-g/viewform>

Since this is an open invitation, unfortunately many umpires nominated will not be selected. The selection will be based on past performance (number of Meets with a minimum of 80% ratio of Meets over the past 3 years), continental quotas and gender equity. Subject to other factors being equal, preference will be given to umpires who did not participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic or Paralympic Games. The OPC will confirm the selection in May 2019 and an announcement will be made on the ITTF website.

Please complete the online nomination form by **no later than Monday 11th March 2019**. The **candidates' National Associations must submit all nominations. Late submissions will not be considered.**

Yours faithfully,

(on behalf of Young-sam Ma, URC chairperson)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emese Barsai', is placed above the typed name.

Emese Barsai
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