



## 2019 ITTF CHALLENGE PLUS NIGERIA OPEN

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| CITY:          | Lagos, Nigeria   |
| VENUE          | Molade Okoya-Thomas Hall, Teslim Balogun Stadium, Lagos, Nigeria |
| DATE:          | 7 – 11 August 2019   |
| PLAYERS:       | 105 men 66 women 171 total                                       |
| COUNTRIES:     | 32   |
| TABLES:        | 7  |
| TABLE BRAND:   | Gewo   |
| BALL BRAND:    | DHS 40+  |
| FLOOR BRAND:   | Trio floor   |
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### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the 2019 ITTF Challenge Plus Nigeria Open.

The ITTF Challenge Plus Nigeria Open is one of the pioneer tournaments of the ITTF Challenge Plus Series and it is one of the six ITTF Challenge Plus in 2019.

The ITTF Challenge Plus Nigeria Open is the fourth out of the six ITTF Challenge Plus, as the players fight for improved ranking points.

There are seven titles on offer: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, U21 Men's Singles, U21 Women's Singles.

This media kit is designed to provide an update on the 2019 ITTF Challenge Plus Nigeria Open. Enclosed are useful 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 LOC media team.

### **KEY DATES/TIMES**

- 7 August 2019, 09:00am @ MoladeOkoya-Thomas – Qualification Day 1
- 8 August 2019, 09:00am @ MoladeOkoya-Thomas – Qualification Day 2
- 9 August 2019, 09:00am @ MoladeOkoya-Thomas – Day 1
- 10 August 2019, 09:00am @ MoladeOkoya-Thomas – Day 2
- 11 August 2019, 09:00am @ MoladeOkoya-Thomas – Day 3



**PLAYING SYSTEM**

**Men’s Singles: Main draw round of 64**

32 seeded players + 32 players coming from the qualifications  
 72 players competing for 16 qualification, playing in group format

**Women’s Singles: Main draw round of 32**

16 seeded players + 16 players coming from the qualifications  
 34 players competing for 16 qualification slots, playing in group format

**U21 Men’s Singles: Main draw round of quarterfinal**

4 seeded pairs + 4 pairs from the qualification tournament  
 36 players competing for 4 qualification slots, playing in group format

**U21 Women’s Singles: Main draw round of quarterfinal**

4 seeded pairs + 4 pairs from the qualification tournament  
 17 players competing for 4 qualification slots, playing in group format

**Men’s Doubles: Main draw round of 16**

8 seeded doubles+ 8 doubles coming from the qualifications (3 directly + 5 from preliminary round)  
 10 pairs competing in preliminary round, playing in knockout format

**Women’s Doubles: Main draw round of 16**

8 seeded doubles+ 8 doubles coming from the qualifications (6 directly + 2 from preliminary round)  
 4 pairs competing in preliminary round, playing in knockout format

**Mixed Doubles: Main draw round of 16**

8 seeded doubles+ 8 non seeded doubles

**BREAKDOWN OF PRIZE MONEY**

|              | <b>MS</b>       | <b>WS</b>    | <b>MD</b> | <b>WD</b> | <b>XD</b> |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Winner       | \$7,000         | \$7,000      | \$3,000   | \$3,000   | \$3,000   |
| Finalist     | \$3,500         | \$3,500      | \$1,500   | \$1,500   | \$1,500   |
| SF           | \$1,750         | \$1,750      |           |           |           |
| QF           | \$750           | \$750        |           |           |           |
| R16          | \$500           | \$500        |           |           |           |
|              | <b>U-21M</b>    | <b>U-21W</b> |           |           |           |
| Winner       | \$1,500         | \$1,500      |           |           |           |
| Finalist     | \$750           | \$750        |           |           |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$60,000</b> |              |           |           |           |



### MEN'S SINGLES SEEDING

| No | Player                    | Association | WR  | Age | Playing Style |
|----|---------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| 1  | ARUNA Quadri              | NGR         | 21  | 30  | Attacker      |
| 2  | NUYTINCK Cedric           | BEL         | 43  | 26  | Attacker      |
| 3  | TOKIC Bojan               | SLO         | 51  | 38  | Attacker      |
| 4  | GARDOS Robert             | AUT         | 64  | 40  | Attacker      |
| 5  | MONTEIRO Thiago           | BRA         | 75  | 38  | Attacker      |
| 6  | DEVOS Robin               | BEL         | 94  | 25  | Attacker      |
| 7  | WISUTMAYTHANGKOON Supanut | THA         | 97  | 23  | Attacker      |
| 8  | STEGER Bastian            | GER         | 106 | 38  | Attacker      |
| 9  | LANDRIEU Andrea           | FRA         | 109 | 23  | Attacker      |
| 10 | KALLBERG Anton            | SWE         | 113 | 21  | Attacker      |
| 11 | ROBINOT Alexandre         | FRA         | 114 | 23  | Attacker      |
| 12 | SALEH Ahmed               | EGY         | 118 | 39  | Attacker      |
| 13 | PLETEA Cristian           | ROU         | 119 | 19  | Attacker      |
| 14 | OMOTAYO Olajide           | NGR         | 128 | 24  | Attacker      |
| 15 | ASSAR Khalid              | EGY         | 131 | 26  | Attacker      |
| 16 | EL-BEIALI Mohamed         | EGY         | 135 | 31  | Attacker      |
| 17 | IDOWU Saheed              | CGO         | 139 | 29  | Attacker      |
| 18 | LAKATOS Tamas             | HUN         | 157 | 23  | Attacker      |
| 19 | RUMGAY Gavin              | SCO         | 162 | 34  | Attacker      |
| 20 | SIPOS Rares               | ROU         | 163 | 18  | Attacker      |
| 21 | ROBINOT Quentin           | FRA         | 164 | 26  | Attacker      |
| 22 | TORIOLA Segun             | NGR         | 165 | 44  | Attacker      |
| 23 | KHEROUF Sami              | ALG         | 172 | 30  | Attacker      |
| 24 | ABIODUN Bode              | NGR         | 186 | 38  | Attacker      |
| 25 | MENGEL Steffen            | GER         | 199 | 30  | Attacker      |
| 26 | ALKHADRAWI Ali            | KSA         | 200 | 22  | Attacker      |
| 27 | GLOD Eric                 | LUX         | 216 | 25  | Attacker      |
| 28 | ORT Kilian                | GER         | 218 | 23  | Attacker      |
| 29 | LINGEVELDT Kurt           | RSA         | 235 | 27  | Attacker      |
| 30 | DANI Mudit                | IND         | 262 | 20  | Attacker      |
| 31 | ABREFA Derek              | GHA         | 266 | 27  | Attacker      |
| 32 | Abdel-Aziz Youssef        | EGY         | 273 | 19  | Attacker      |

### WOMEN'S SINGLE SEEDING

| No | Player            | Association | WR | Age | Playing Style |
|----|-------------------|-------------|----|-----|---------------|
| 1  | BALAZOVA Barbora  | SVK         | 45 | 27  | Attacker      |
| 2  | MIKHAILOVA Polina | RUS         | 48 | 32  | Defender      |
| 3  | MESHREF Dina      | EGY         | 51 | 25  | Attacker      |
| 4  | NOSKOVA Yana      | RUS         | 58 | 25  | Attacker      |
| 5  | DE NUTTE Sarah    | LUX         | 64 | 26  | Attacker      |



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|----|--------------------|-----|-----|----|----------|
| 6  | SHAO Jieni ^       | POR | 79  | 25 | Attacker |
| 7  | VIVARELLI Debora   | ITA | 86  | 26 | Attacker |
| 8  | LUNG Lisa          | BEL | 130 | 20 | Attacker |
| 9  | EL-ERAKY Reem      | EGY | 137 | 24 | Attacker |
| 10 | HELMY Yousra       | EGY | 149 | 23 | Attacker |
| 11 | EDEM Offiong       | NGR | 158 | 32 | Attacker |
| 12 | ABDEL-AZIZ Farah   | EGY | 161 | 26 | Attacker |
| 13 | TSAPTSINOS Maria   | ENG | 162 | 21 | Attacker |
| 14 | HANFFOU Sarah      | CMR | 163 | 32 | Attacker |
| 15 | OSHONAIKE Olufunke | NGR | 164 | 43 | Attacker |
| 16 | WAN Yuan           | GER | 176 | 22 | Attacker |

### **MEN'S DOUBLES SEEDING**

|   |                 |     |                           |     |
|---|-----------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| 1 | NUYTINCK Cedric | BEL | ROBINOT Quentin           | FRA |
| 2 | DEVOS Laurens   | BEL | DEVOS Robin               | BEL |
| 3 | ALKHADRAWI Ali  | KSA | BU SHULAYBI Abdulaziz     | KSA |
| 4 | MENGEL Steffen  | GER | ORT Kilian                | GER |
| 5 | OMOTAYO Olajide | NGR | TORIOLA Segun             | NGR |
| 6 | LANDRIEU Andrea | FRA | ROBINOT Alexandre         | FRA |
| 7 | GLOD Eric       | LUX | LAKATOS Tamas             | HUN |
| 8 | TAUBER Michael  | ISR | WISUTMAYTHANGKOON Supanut | THA |

### **WOMEN'S DOUBLES SEEDING**

|   |                   |     |                   |     |
|---|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | ABDEL-AZIZ Farah  | EGY | HELMY Yousra      | EGY |
| 2 | BALAZOVA Barbora  | SVK | GRIGELOVA Natalia | SVK |
| 3 | MIKHAILOVA Polina | RUS | NOSKOVA Yana      | RUS |
| 4 | MESHREF Dina      | EGY | VIVARELLI Debora  | ITA |
| 5 | KESSACI Katia     | ALG | LOGHRAIBI Lynda   | ALG |
| 6 | MOOKREY Simeen    | RSA | PATEL Danisha     | RSA |
| 7 | OJOMU Ajoke       | NGR | ORIBAMISE Esther  | NGR |
| 8 | DRAGOMAN Andreea  | ROU | LUNG Lisa         | BEL |

### **MIXED DOUBLES SEEDING**

|   |                 |     |                    |     |
|---|-----------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 1 | TORIOLA Segun   | NGR | OSHONAIKE Olufunke | NGR |
| 2 | ASSAR Khalid    | EGY | HELMY Yousra       | EGY |
| 3 | NUYTINCK Cedric | BEL | LUNG Lisa          | BEL |
| 4 | LINGVELDT Kurt  | RSA | PATEL Danisha      | RSA |
| 5 | ORT Kilian      | GER | WAN Yuan           | GER |
| 6 | KHEROUF Sami    | ALG | KESSACI Katia      | ALG |
| 7 | BOURIAH Larbi   | ALG | LOGHRAIBI Lynda    | ALG |
| 8 | KASSA Gedeon    | COD | LITOBACA Ammadine  | COD |



## **PARTICIPATING ASSOCIATIONS**

- 1 ALG
- 2 AUT
- 3 BEL
- 4 BEN
- 5 BRA
- 6 CGO
- 7 CMR
- 8 COD
- 9 CRO
- 10 EGY
- 11 ENG
- 12 FRA
- 13 GER
- 14 GHA
- 15 HUN
- 16 IND
- 17 ITA
- 18 IRI
- 19 ISR
- 20 KSA
- 21 LUX
- 22 NGR
- 23 POR
- 24 ROU
- 25 RSA
- 26 RUS
- 27 SCO
- 28 SEN
- 29 SLO
- 30 SVK
- 31 SWE
- 32 THA

## **PAST WINNERS**

### **MEN'S SINGLES**

#### **Year**

2014  
2015  
2016  
2017  
2018

#### **Winner**

ASSAR Omar EGY  
ASSAR Omar EGY  
OLAH Benedek FIN  
ASSAR Omar EGY  
ARUNA Quadri NGR

#### **Runner Up**

LASHIN El-Sayed EGY  
ARUNA Quadri NGR  
ASSAR Khalid EGY  
GANDHI Sarthak IND  
HACHARD Antoine FRA



### **WOMEN'S SINGLES**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Winner</b>          | <b>Runner Up</b>   |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 2014        | EL-DAWLATLY Nadeen EGY | MESHREF Dina EGY   |
| 2015        | SHAO Jieni POR         | MESHREF Dina EGY   |
| 2016        | SHAO Jieni POR         | PERGEL Szandra HUN |
| 2017        | MESHREF Dina EGY       | KULIKOVA Olga RUS  |
| 2018        | GUO Yan CHN            | SUN Chen CHN       |

### **MEN'S DOUBLES**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Winner</b>              | <b>Runners Up</b>          |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2015        | ARUNA Q./Makanjuola K. NGR | SILVA A. /SILVA D. POR     |
| 2016        | ANDREY B. /VASILIJ F. RUS  | CARVALHO D./CHEN D. POR    |
| 2017        | HACHARD A./JEAN G. FRA     | CAZACU A./ SIPOS R. ROU    |
| 2018        | ROBINOT A./SEYFRIED J. FRA | LAKATOS T. HUN/OLAH B. FIN |

### **WOMEN'S DOUBLES**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Winner</b>              | <b>Runners Up</b>               |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2015        | MESHREF D. EGY/SHAO J. POR | AKPAN C./EDEM O. NGR            |
| 2016        | ERMAKOVA I./OLGA K. RUS    | HANFFOU S. CMR/OSHONAIKE O. NGR |
| 2017        | BALINT B./ PERGEL S. HUN   | HELMY Y./MESHREF D. EGY         |
| 2018        | QI Fenjie/SUN Chen CHN     | FAN Siqi/GUO Yan CHN            |

### **U21 MEN'S SINGLES**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Winner</b>          | <b>Runners Up</b>        |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2014        | ONAOLAPO Ojo NGR       | YIN Jing Yuan SIN        |
| 2015        | MAGDY Shady EGY        | ONAOLAPO Ojo NGR         |
| 2016        | MAGDY Shady EGY        | CHEN Diogo POR           |
| 2017        | ABDEL-AZIZ Youssef EGY | FRANCISCO Jose Pedro POR |
| 2018        | WANG Shaobo CHN        | BHANJA Ronit IND         |

### **U21 WOMEN'S SINGLES**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Winner</b>          | <b>Runners Up</b>    |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2014        | EL-DAWLATLY Nadeen EGY | MESHREF Dina EGY     |
| 2015        | MESHREF Dina EGY       | HELMY Yousry NGR     |
| 2016        | CIOBANU Irina ROU      | GARNOVA Tatiana RUS  |
| 2017        | PICCOLIN Giorgia ITA   | BALINT Bernadett HUN |
| 2018        | GUO Yan CHN            | FAN Siqi CHN         |