

2019 ITTF Star Awards

The ITTF Star awards were started in 2013 to recognize, honor and celebrate the stars of table tennis, the athletes and coaches who have made table tennis their passion, career and life.

The ITTF Star Awards provides the ITTF and all table tennis fans in the world the opportunity to reflect on a year of magnificent achievement by dedicated table tennis players and coaches all over the world.

The ITTF Star Awards will be presented in a number of categories as:

- **Male Table Tennis Star**
- **Female Table Tennis Star**
- **Male Para Table Tennis Star**
- **Female Para Table Tennis Star**
- **Star Point**
- **Fair Play Star**
- **Table Tennis Star Coach**
- **Breakthrough Star**

The awards are based on outstanding performance and fair play during the year.

Other awards can be added permanently or by occasion.

The ITTF Star Awards will be held every year in late December or early January, and if possible, in connection with an important ITTF event.

During the ITTF Star Awards Gala, the ITTF will also announce, celebrate and honor new members of the ITTF hall of Fame.

Directives for the ITTF Star Awards

The ITTF Star Awards is a yearly event arranged by the ITTF media/promotion and marketing department on behalf of the media committee and the executive committee.

The place and time for the ITTF Star Awards needs to be endorsed by the ITTF executive committee.

Best efforts will be made to ensure that the ITTF Star Awards Gala is a self-sustaining project. The winners of the awards will get a plaque, and prize money is an option.

Selection process

In all categories there will normally be chosen three final nominees by all nominations made. The three nominated in each category will normally be invited to participate in the ITTF Star Awards Gala and their expenses will be reimbursed

Each nomination committee is requested to take into consideration fair play, sportsmanship and the adherence to ITTF's rules throughout the year when choosing their nominees. All nominees

are table tennis idols to millions of fans across the globe, so how they conduct themselves should be taken into consideration when nominating, just as their performance on the table.

Male and Female Table Tennis Star

The ITTF Athletes' Commission makes a nomination of four players. A panel of individual players chosen by the Athletes' Commission, journalists from different continents (same quota as continental qualification numbers in Olympic Games) and fan votes will each count 1/3 of the final votes.

Male and Female Para Table Tennis Star

The para table tennis committee nominates 3 male and 3 female players, and a panel consisting of an EC member, an ITTF appointed expert and the para table tennis player in the Athletes commission will select the Male and Female winner.

Star Point

The media/promotion and marketing department nominates a number of best points, and the fans on social media and internet have the final decisions.

Fair Play Star

Everybody can propose (National Associations, URC, competition managers and fans). The URC is the nomination body and will nominate three players. The Executive Committee decides if there is a player, who deserves to get the fair play price of the Year for showing an outstanding example of fair play.

Table Tennis Star Coach

A nomination committee selected by the High Performance Department nominates three coaches and the Athletes' Commission selects the winner.

Breakthrough Star

A nomination committee selected by the Development Department nominates three players and the Athletes' Commission selects the winner. A player can only be nominated once.