



EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION

2015 NN TABLE TENNIS CLUB ITTF – EUROPE TOP 16

PROSPECTUS INFORMATION

Host association Azerbaijan Table Tennis Association

Playing venue NATIONAL GYMNASTICS ARENA BAKU

The tournament cannot be played at the venue for the European Games table tennis competition as originally planned. The ongoing renovation of the Baku Sports Hall will unfortunately not be completed until March 2015.

After consultation with and on instigation from BEGOC and due to logistical and technical circumstances it was decided to play exceptionally on 2 competition tables only.



Prize money €70.000

Winner	€10.000
Runner-up	€6.000
Third place	€4.000
Fourth place	€3.000
Five – Eight place	€1.500
Nine – Twelve place	€1.000
Thirteen – Sixteen place	€500

Prize money will be paid in cash on site in the full amount.

It is entirely the players' responsibility to declare their prize money received as required according to and in the respect of the national laws of their country of residence.

Playing system The tournament shall consist of 2 stages.

Round-robin group matches in the first stage, followed by a progressive knockout draw to decide the first 8 (eight) positions. Group- stage will be played best of 5 games. From quarter-finals all matches and all position matches will be played best of 7 games. Losers of the quarter-finals will play for positions 5-8, respectively for positions 5-6 and for positions 7-8. Losers of the semi-finals shall play each other for 3rd place and 4th place.



Positions 9-12 will not be played and players finishing 3rd in each group will have the same final position (9th – 12th place).

Position 13-16 will not be played and players finishing 4th in each group will have same final position (13th – 16th place).

First three players in both events will be qualified for 2015 ITTF World Cups with limit of two players per Association.

The tournament will be played in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions.

Time-schedule attached to the Prospectus.

Entry closing date Monday 22nd December 2014 (Invitation confirmation deadline).

Default Players who do not complete the 1st round robin stage for whatever reason will be considered as defaulted and will not be eligible for any prize money.

Ranking Default Policy applies for entire tournament.

Draw The Draw will take place at the National Gymnastics Arena on Thursday 5th February 2015 at 19:00, at the beginning of the Jury meeting.



Draw procedures In the preliminary stage all 16 players shall be divided in 4 equal groups of 4 players, with all the members of a group playing each other.

Players seeded 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th shall head each group A, B, C and D respectively. Players seeded 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th shall be drawn randomly into the second position of each preliminary group. Players seeded 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th shall be drawn randomly into the third position in each preliminary group. Players seeded 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th shall be drawn randomly into the fourth and last position in each preliminary group.

If there are 2 or more players from the same Association, they will be drawn into separate groups. The top 2 finishers from each group shall advance to the knockout quarter-final stage of the competition.

The winner of Group A shall be seeded first (position 1 in the draw). The winner of Group B shall be seeded second (position 8 in the draw). The winners of Groups C and D shall be drawn into positions 4 and 5 of the draw.

The second place finishers of each group shall be drawn randomly into positions 2, 3, 6 and 7 of the draw; there will be separation of the group winners and second place finishers from the same group so that they cannot meet before closing rounds.



Participants There shall be sixteen (16) players qualified for this tournament.

The current European Champion shall be automatically invited if eligible according to 3.8 and 4.3.6 of the ITTF Handbook. If not eligible, the qualification place is allocated to the European ranking invitation.

Fourteen (14) additional players shall qualify through their European Ranking.

If no players qualify from the host association then the host association shall nominate one (1) host association player.

If a host association player is already qualified then an additional player shall be added from the European Ranking.

There shall not be more than 4 players from an Association.

All players have to be eligible to represent their national association according to the rules 3.8 and 4.3.6 of the ITTF Handbook 2014-2015 (eligibility at World title events).



Substitutions Substitutions before the entry closing date shall be as per entry regulations.

If the European Champion is not available, not eligible or withdraws, he/she shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked player from the European ranking.

If the host association player is not available or withdraws, another player nominated by the host association shall replace him/her.

If any other player is not available or withdraws, he shall be replaced by the remaining highest ranked player.

Substitutions after the entry closing date shall be decided by ETTU.

Press Conference It is the obligation of ALL players to attend the draw.

Further-more all players will be required to attend a personal interview on site if requested. If any extra ETTU activity is organised during the event, all players no longer in the competition should be available to participate if requested.

Levy There shall be a levy of € 250 per participating player, payable to ETTU (Regulation H5.2).



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Equipment Tables: JOOLA

Balls: JOOLA

Sports floor: GERFLOR

**Medical Service (doctor + physiotherapist) will be provided
in the venue from Thursday afternoon until Sunday evening.**



Hospitality:

Official Hotel 1: Ramada Hotel & Suites Baku (5*)

<http://www.wyndhamhotelgroup.com/hotels/azerbaijan/baku/ramada-hotel-and-suites-baku/photos-video>

24 Single rooms available: EUR 155

Official Hotel 2: Hotel Excelsior (5*)

<http://www.booking.com/hotel/az/excelsior-baku.hr.html>

35 Single rooms: EUR 160

7 Double rooms: EUR 125/per person

Participants will be accommodated in chosen hotels on “first come-first serve” basis.

Full payment for hotel accommodation should be paid not later than Thursday 22nd January 2015 to:

AZERBAIJAN TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

**Name of the Beneficiary: AZƏRBAYCAN RESPUBLİKASI
STOLÜSTÜ TENNIS FEDERASIYASI İCTİMAİ BİRLİYİ**

Bank of the Beneficiary: PASHA Bank, Baku, Azerbaijan

Bank account number: 2000348201

IBAN: AZ88PAHA00000000000010205277 (EUR)

SWIFT: PAHAAZ22



Technical officials will be accommodated in: ARIVA Hotel (4*)

<http://www.booking.com/hotel/az/ariva.hr.html>

Daily allowances of € 20 per day will be paid to all technical officials on Friday 6th February 2015.

Referee & Deputy Referee will have reimbursed full amount for travel tickets while ETTU will pay € 400 as contribution to the travel costs for all other technical officials.

Travel All participants (players, coaches, physios, umpires etc.) should submit their arrival/departure details by Monday 9th January 2015 to Sheila Mercer (sheila.mercer@baku2015.com). Those who have submitted their details will be picked up at Heydar Aliyev International Airport .

Visa All participants requiring an entry visa for Azerbaijan must contact as soon as possible:

Sheila Mercer (sheila.mercer@baku2015.com) sending their scanned passport copies together with travel ticket reservations.



Participation confirmation Deadline for confirmation is Monday 22nd December 2014 (entry closing date).

Please send back the attached confirmation form by e-mail to:

ETTU office: ettu@pt.lu

and

Competition Manager Roman Pleše: rpettu@gmail.com

Important information Players must have their names printed on the back of their shirts, players are not allowed to start the matches if the name is not printed on the back of their shirts.

Players who finish among the top three (3) positions have an obligation to attend the prize ceremony in sports clothing (Tracksuits) including sports shoes. Players who will not fulfil this obligation will lose the prize money.

Referee: Michael ZWIPP (GER)

Deputy Referee: Stuart SHERLOCK (ENG)



INVITATIONS FOR 2015 ITTF – Europe TOP 16

Following players have been invited to the 2015 ITTF – Europe TOP 16 in Baku according to the ER DEC 2014:

Men´s Invitation list

OVTCHAROV Dmitrij (GER1)

BOLL Timo (GER2)

FREITAS Marcos (POR1)

SAMSONOV Vladimir (BLR1)

APOLONIA Tiago (POR2)

BAUM Patrick (GER3)

GIONIS Panagiotis (GRE1)

GACINA Andrej (CRO1)

GARDOS Robert (AUT1)

STEGER Bastian (GER4)

MAZE Michael (DEN1)

CRISAN Adrian (ROU1)

KARLSSON Kristian (SWE1)

GAUZY Simon (FRA1)

MATTENET Adrien (FRA2)

ISMAYILOV Farhad (AZE1)

Reserve players

- 1. MENGEL Stafen (GER5 only to replace one from GER1-GER4)**
- 2. MONTEIRO Joao (POR3)**
- 3. GERELL Par (SWE2)**
- 4. DRINKHALL Paul (ENG1)**
- 5. FRANZISKA Patrick (GER6 only to replace one from GER1-GER5)**
- 6. PITCHFORD Liam (ENG2)**
- 7. VLASOV Grigory (RUS1)**



Women's Invitation list

LIU Jia (AUT1)
POTA Georgina (HUN1)
SAMARA Elizabeta (ROU1)
LI Jiao (NED1)
HU Melek (TUR1)
WU Jiaduo (GER1)
PAVLOVICH Viktoria (BLR1)
LI Jie (NED2)
SOLJA Petrissa (GER2)
VACENOVSKA Iveta (CZE1)
SILBEREISEN Kristin (GER3)
IVANCAN Irene (GER4)
PESOTSKA Margaryta (UKR1)
LI Qian (POL1)
MONTEIRO DODEAN Daniela (ROU2)
IMANOVA Maryam (AZE1)

Reserve players :

1. WINTER Sabine (GER5 only to replace one from GER1- GER4)
2. MIKHAILOVA Polina (RUS1)
3. SZOCS Bernadette (ROU3)
4. PARTYKA Natalia (POL2)
5. EKHOLM Matilda (SWE1)
6. NI Xialian (LUX1)
7. EERLAND Britt (NED3)

Substitutions shall be according to the clause on page 2 of this document all according to the European ranking list No. 12 issued on 5th December 2014.