



European Table Tennis Union



Table Tennis, Europe – Qualification Event for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro in 2016

The European Olympic Singles Qualification will be organised in the city of Istanbul, Turkey, 6th-10th April 2016.

The system will be different from the one used for the 2003, 2008 and 2012 European Olympic Singles Qualification.

Each NOC may enter up to 6 players (maximum 3 men and 3 women) except that the NOC whose player won the European Games singles event may only send 2 men (GER) or 2 women (NED). Maximum 2 players from an NOC can qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games individual events.

10 men and 10 women will qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games individual events if –including 2015 European Games qualifiers- there are no more than 2 players qualifying from the same NOC per gender. Otherwise, a mechanism will be established to determine 2 qualifiers, the third player being a reserve). This will be explained through the “Annex 1” to be published at a later date.

The winners of the European Games singles event in Baku, Azerbaijan, 13th-19th June 2015, are direct qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games individual events.

The players will be seeded based on the latest available ETTU ranking at the time of the draw on 5th April 2016, referred to as ‘ETTU ranking’.

All matches are the best of 7 games.

PLAYING FORMAT

Days 1 and 2: Preliminary Stage

number of participants up to 64 players

If up to 64 participants, the tournament will be held in 3 days. ETTU will notify immediately the entered Associations so they can arrange accordingly their travel.

number of participants 65-79 players

3-4 players in 16 groups A-P are playing in round robin. There will be 16 seeded players. The 16 seeded players will not play in the groups, but are direct qualified for Stage 1.

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The remaining players will be drawn into the 16 groups A-P 4 by 4 to positions 1-3 or 1-4 according to the snake system.

Players from same NOC will be drawn into different groups.

The top 3 players in each of the 16 groups A-P will qualify for Stage 1 together with the 16 seeded players, a total of 64 players.

number of participants 80-112 players

4-6 players in 16 groups A-P are playing in round robin. There will be 16 seeded players. The 16 seeded players will not play in the groups, but are direct qualified for Stage 1.

The remaining players will be drawn into the 16 groups A-P 4 by 4 to positions 1-4, 1-5 or 1-6 according to the snake system.

Players from same NOC will be drawn into different groups.

The top 3 players in each of the 16 groups A-P will qualify for Stage 1 together with the 16 seeded players, a total of 64 players.

number of participants 113-128 players

5-6 players in 16 groups A-P are playing in round robin. There will be 32 seeded players. The 32 seeded players will not play in the groups, but are direct qualified for Stage 1.

The remaining players will be drawn into the 16 groups A-P 4 by 4 to positions 1-5 or 1-6 according to the snake system.

Players from same NOC will be drawn into different groups.

The top 2 players in the 16 groups will qualify for Stage 1 together with the 32 seeded players, a total of 64 players.

number of participants 129-149 players

4-6 players in 20 groups A-T are playing in round robin. There will be 32 seeded players. The 32 seeded players will not play in the groups, but are direct qualified for Stage 1.

The remaining players will be drawn into the 20 groups A-T 4 by 4 to positions 1-4, 1-5 or 1-6 according to the snake system.

Players from same NOC will be drawn into different groups.

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The 20 winners in the 20 groups A-T and 12 of the 20 runner-ups will qualify for Stage 1 together with the 32 seeded players, a total of 64 players.

The 20 runners-up will be drawn in to 12 qualification matches. Winners of the matches (or those having a bye) will qualify for Stage 1.

Players from same NOC will be separated.

Day 3: Stage 1 (up to 64 players)

Up to 8 players in each of 8 groups a-h in positions 1-8 are playing in direct K.O. system.

The 8 players seeded No 1-8, go respectively to position 1 in groups a-h.

The 8 players seeded 9-16 are drawn in position 8 in groups a-h.

The 16 players ranked 17-32 are drawn to position 4 or 5 in groups a-h.

The 32 players ranked 33-64 are drawn to positions 2, 3, 6 & 7 in groups a-h.

Players from same NOC will be drawn into different groups.

The winners of each of the 8 groups are qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games if –including 2015 European Games qualifiers- there are no more than 2 players qualifying from the same NOC. Otherwise, a mechanism will be established to determine 2 qualifiers, the third player being a reserve). This will be explained through the “Annex 1” to be published at a later date.

Day 3: Stage 1 (65-112 players)

8 players in each of 8 groups a-h in positions 1-8 are playing in direct K.O. system.

The 8 players seeded No 1-8, go respectively to position 1 in groups a-h.

The 8 players seeded 9-16 are drawn in position 8 in groups a-h.

The 16 winners of groups A-P are drawn in to positions 4 and 5 in groups a-h.

The 16 runners-up of groups A-P are drawn to position 3 and 6 in groups a-h.

The 16 players finishing in third position in groups A-P are drawn to positions 2 and 7 in groups a-h.

Players from same NOC will be drawn into different groups.

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Players who met in the Preliminary stage will not play each other in Stage 1.

The winners of each of the 8 groups are qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games if –including 2015 European Games qualifiers- there are no more than 2 players qualifying from the same NOC. Otherwise, a mechanism will be established to determine 2 qualifiers, the third player being a reserve). This will be explained through the “Annex 1” to be published at a later date.

Day 3: Stage 1 (113-128 players)

8 players in each of 8 groups a-h in positions 1-8 are playing in direct K.O. system.

The 8 players seeded No 1-8, go respectively to position 1 in groups a-h.

The 8 players seeded 9-16 are drawn in position 8 in groups a-h.

The 16 players ranked 17-32 are drawn to position 4 or 5 in groups a-h.

The 16 winners of the groups 1-16 in the qualification stage are drawn to position 3 or 6 in groups a-h.

The 16 runners-up of the groups 1-16 in the qualification stage are drawn to positions 2 or 7 in groups a-h.

Players from same NOC will be drawn into different groups.

Players who met in the Preliminary stage will not play each other in Stage 1.

The winners of each of the 8 groups are qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games if –including 2015 European Games qualifiers- there are no more than 2 players qualifying from the same NOC. Otherwise, a mechanism will be established to determine 2 qualifiers, the third player being a reserve). This will be explained through the “Annex 1” to be published at a later date.

Day 3: Stage 1 (129-149 players)

8 players in each of 8 groups a-h in positions 1-8 are playing in direct K.O. system.

The 8 players seeded No 1-8, go respectively to position 1 in groups a-h.

The 8 players seeded 9-16 are drawn in position 8 in groups a-h.

The 16 players ranked 17-32 are drawn to position 4 or 5 in groups a-h.

The 16 winners of the groups 1-16 in the qualification stage are drawn to position 3 or 6 in groups a-h.



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The 4 winners of groups 17-20 and the runners-up winning the qualification match are drawn to position 2 or 7 in groups a-h.

Players from same NOC will be drawn into different groups.

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Days 4 and 5: Stage 2

The remaining 56 players from Stage 1 (the 8 group winners are already qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games) will continue in Stage 2 in two direct K.O. draws of 32 players with 4 byes each.

To make it easier to understand, both 32 places draws are numbered consecutively. Thus, draw RED has places 1-32 and draw BLUE has places 33-64.

The 8 losing finalists in the 8 groups in Stage 1 will be drawn to positions 1, 16, 17, 32, 33, 48, 49 and 64.

The 16 losing semi-finalists in the 8 groups in Stage 1 will be drawn in to positions 5, 8, 9, 12, 21, 24, 25, 28, 37, 40, 41, 44, 53, 56, 57 and 60.

The 32 losing quarter-finalists in the 8 groups in Stage 1 will be drawn to positions 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 51, 52, 54, 55, 58, 59, 61 and 62.

Players from the same NOC will be separated as far as possible.

Players who met in Stage 1 or in Stage 2 will be separated as far as possible.

The winners of draw RED and draw BLUE are qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games if –including 2015 European Games qualifiers- there are no more than 2 players qualifying from the same NOC. Otherwise, a mechanism will be established to determine 2 qualifiers, the third player being a reserve). This will be explained through the “Annex 1” to be published at a later date.

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Day 5: Reserve list

The losers of the finals in Stage 2 are playing for position 1 and 2 on the reserve list for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The losers of the semi-finals in Stage 2 are playing for positions 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the reserve list for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The next 8 players on the reserve list, 7 – 14, will be the losers of quarter-finals in Stage 2 sorted according to the ETTU ranking at the time of the draw on 5th April 2016.

Reminders – please note

In all instances within this document, 'ETTU ranking' refers to the last ETTU ranking available at the time of the draw on 5th April 2016.

ETTU will complement this prospectus with a specific document –Annex 1- on “resolution of special cases” which will be published later and will explain the procedures to determine qualifiers and reserves in case an NOC places three men or women among the 1+10 European Continental Qualifiers.

ORDER OF PLAY

Taking into account that in each group 2 or 3 players either move forward direct to Stage 1, or move forward to qualify for Stage 1 by K.O., the order of play will be as follows:

Group of 3: 1-3; 1-2; 2-3

Group of 4 (2 qualifiers for Stage 1): 1-3, 2-4; 1-2, 3-4; 1-4, 2-3

Group of 4 (3 qualifiers for Stage 1): 1-3, 2-4; 1-4, 2-3; 1-2, 3-4

Group of 5 (2 qualifiers for Stage 1): 1-4, 2-5; 2-4, 3-5; 1-3, 4-5; 1-2, 3-4; 1-5, 2-3

Group of 5 (3 qualifiers for Stage 1): 1-4, 2-5; 2-4, 3-5; 1-3, 4-5, 1-5, 2-3; 1-2, 3-4

Group of 6 (2 qualifiers for Stage 1): 1-4, 2-5, 3-6; 1-6, 2-4, 3-5; 1-3, 2-6, 4-5; 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1-5, 2-3, 4-6

Group of 6 (3 qualifiers for Stage 1): 1-4, 2-5, 3-6; 1-6, 2-4, 3-5; 1-3, 2-6, 4-5; 1-5, 2-3, 4-6; 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

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PLAYING SCHEDULE

DAYS 1 and 2 Preliminary Stage

Maximum 5 matches per player

DAY 3 Stage 1 – 8 qualifiers, men and women

Maximum 3 matches per player

DAY 4 Stage 2 – Start of Stage 2

Maximum 3 matches per player

DAY 5 Stage 2 – End of Stage 2 - 2 qualifiers, men and women

Reserve list – Losing semi-finalists and losing quarter-finalists

Maximum 3 matches per player

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