

PROSPECTUS INFORMATION

Date Friday 5th to Sunday 7th February 2016

Host Association **Federação Portuguesa de Tenis de Mesa**
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Playing Venue **Multiusos de Gondomar Coração de Ouro**
Avenida do Multiusos, 4420-015 GONDOMAR, Portugal

Prize Money **€ 10.000**

	Men	Women
Winner	€ 2.000	€ 2.000
Runner - up	€ 1.000	€ 1.000
3 rd and 4 th place (2 x)	€ 500	€ 500
5 th to 8 th place (4 x)	€ 250	€ 250
Total	€ 5.000	€ 5.000

The OC will try to pay the prize money cash on site in the full amount, if no cash payment on site the OC will transfer the prize money via Bank transfer within 30 days.

It is entirely the players' responsibility to declare their prize money received as required according to an 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 positions. Group stage will be played best of 5 games. From quarter-finals on 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). Positions 13-16 will not be played and players finishing 4th in each group will have the same final position (13th - 16th place). First 3 players in both events will be qualified for 2016 ITTF World Cups with limit of 2 players per association. The tournament shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions.

Entry closing date **Friday 18th December 2015 (Invitation confirmation deadline)**

Default Players who do not complete the 1st stage (round-robin group) for whatever reason will be considered as defaulted.

Ranking Default Policy applies for the entire tournament.

Draw The draw will be on **Thursday 4th February 2016** at Hotel Holiday Inn Gaia commencing at **1700 local time** (1700 GMT, 1800 CET).

Draw procedures In the first 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 group.
Players seeded 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th shall be drawn randomly into the third position in each group.
Players seeded 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th shall be drawn randomly into the fourth and last position in each 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 group winners and second place finishers from the same group so they cannot meet before closing rounds.
There shall be no separation by Association.

Participants There shall be 16 players qualified for the ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup.
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.
14 additional players shall qualify through their European Ranking.
If no players qualify from the host association then the host association shall nominate one 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 2015-2016 (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.**
Furthermore 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 shall 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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**Referee
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Julio Nepomuceno (POR)

Equipment

Tables: **TIBHAR 28/R** (blue)
Balls: **TIBHAR 40+ SYNTT** (white)
Sports floor: **TINSUE** (red)

Medical Service

Medical Services (doctor and physiotherapist) will be provided in the venue from Thursday afternoon until Sunday evening under the responsibility of **Dr André Costa**.

Official Hotel

Hotel Holiday Inn Gaia
Address: Rua Diogo Macedo, 220 4400 – 107 Vila Nova de Gaia
Tel: +351 223 747 500
Web Link: www.hotelhiportogaia.com

Hospitality

Single room: EUR **220** per person per night
Double room: EUR **180** per person per night

Information for room bookings regarding number of persons, single/double rooms and arrival/departure date should be provided by **Friday 18th December 2015** to Adélia Nunes (anunes@clubeviajar.pt) and José Anibel Bentes (jose.bentes@fptm.pt) by using the Accommodation/Travel form.

Travel

All participants should submit their arrival/departure details by **Friday 15th January 2016** to Adélia Nunes (anunes@clubeviajar.pt) and to Didier Leroy (dleroy@ittfmail.com). Those who have submitted their details will be picked up at **Porto International Airport**.

**Participation
Confirmation**

Invitation confirmation deadline is **Friday 18th December 2015**.
The same date as the **entry closing date**.

Please send back the attached confirmation form by e-mail to **Didier Leroy, Competition Manager** (dleroy@ittfmail.com)
Pierre Kass, ETTU office (ettu@pt.lu)
Federação Portuguesa de Tenis de Mesa (jose.bentes@fptm.pt)

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 3 positions have an obligation to attend the victory ceremony in sports clothing (tracksuits) including sports shoes.

Invitation for the 2016 ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup

Following players have been invited to the 2016 ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup

Men´s Invitation list				Women´s Invitation list			
#	ER	Player		#	ER	Player	
1	1	OVTCHAROV Dmitrij	GER 1	1	2	SOLJA Petrissa	GER 1
2	2	BOLL Timo	GER 2	2	4	LI Jie	NED 1
3	3	FREITAS Marcos	POR 1	3	5	SAMARA Elizabeta	ROU 1
4	4	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR 1	4	6	LI Jiao	NED 1
5	5	GACINA Andrej	CRO 1	5	7	HU Melek	TUR 1
6	6	FEGERL Stefan	AUT 1	6	8	LIU Jia	AUT 1
7	7	GARDOS Robert	AUT 2	7	10	POTA Georgina	HUN 1
8	8	GIONIS Panagiotis	GRE 1	8	11	LI Qian	POL 1
9	8	APOLONIA Tiago	POR 2	9	12	BILENKOTetyana	UKR 1
10	10	GERELL Par	SWE 1	10	13	SHEN Yanfei	ESP 1
11	11	GAUZY Simon	FRA 1	11	14	IVANCAN Irene	GER 2
12	12	SHIBAEV Alexander	RUS 1	12	16	MIKHAILOVA Polina	RUS 1
13	13	FILUS Ruwen	GER 3	13	19	WINTER Sabine	GER 3
14	14	KARLSSON Kristian	SWE 2	14	20	WU Jiaduo	GER 4
15	15	STEGER Bastian	GER 4	15	21	PESOTSKA Margaryta	UKR 2
16	16	MONTEIRO Joao	POR 3	16	148	OLIVEIRA Leila	POR 1
Reserve Players				Reserve Players			
17	17	MATTENET Adrien	FRA 2	17	22	POLCANOVA Sofia	AUT 2
18	18	FRANZISKA Patrick to replace GER 1-4 only	GER 5	18	23	NI Xialian	LUX 1
19	19	KARLSSON Mattias	SWE 3	19	24	SILBEREISEN Kristin to replace GER 1-4 only	GER 5
20	20	BAUM Patrick to replace GER 1-4 only	GER 6	20	25	SZOCS Bernadette	ROU 2
21	21	MAZE Michael	DEN 1	21	26	PAVLOVICH Viktoria	BLR 1
22	22	KOU Lei	UKR 1	22	27	PARTYKA Natalia	POL 2

Invitations are according to the European Ranking (December 2015).
Substitutions shall be according to the clause on page 2 of this document.
All according to the European Ranking list No. 12 issued on 2nd December 2015.