

PROSPECTUS INFORMATION

Date	Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th February 2017
Host Association	Fédération Française de Tennis de Table 3, rue Dieudonné Costes BP 40348 75625 Paris Cedex 13, FRANCE Tel: + 33 1 53 94 50 00 E-mail: fftt@fftt.email
Playing Venue	AZUR ARENA 258-328 Rue Henri LAUGIER 06600 ANTIBES
Prize Money	50.000 €

	Men	Women
<i>Winner</i>	€ 5000	€ 5000
<i>Runner up</i>	€ 3000	€ 3000
<i>3rd place</i>	€ 2250	€ 2250
<i>4th place</i>	€ 1750	€ 1750
<i>Losing round of 8 (QF)</i>	€ 1250	€ 1250
<i>Losing round of 16 (or round 1)</i>	€ 1000	€ 1000
Total	€ 25.000	€ 25.000

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 positions. Group stage will be played best of 5 games. From quarterfinals on all matches and all position matches will be played best of 7 games. Losers of the quarterfinals 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 2017 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 **Monday 19th December 2016**

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 2nd February** commencing at **18.00 Local time** (17:00 GMT).
- 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 organized 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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Equipment	Tables: Butterfly (blue) Balls: Butterfly (white) Sports floor: Gerflor (color: red)
Medical Service	Medical Services (doctor and physiotherapist) will be provided in the venue from Thursday afternoon until Sunday evening under the responsibility of Mr Richard LEVY.
Official Hotel	Hotel Ambassadeur Marriott Address: 50-52 chemin des sables, 06160 Juan les Pins Tel: + 33 4 92 93 74 10 Web Link: www.achoteljuanlespins.com
Hospitality	Single room: EUR 230 per person per night Double room: EUR 160 per person per night Information for room bookings regarding number of persons, single/double rooms and arrival/departure date should be provided by 3rd of January to Mrs Claude Bergeret (E-Mail: claud.bergeret@fftt.email) by using the Accommodation/Travel form.
Travel	All participants should submit their arrival/departure details by Tuesday 3rd of January to Mrs Claude Bergeret (E-Mail: claud.bergeret@fftt.email) and to Didier Leroy(dleroy@ittfmail.com). Those who have submitted their details will be picked up at NICE International Airport .
Participation Confirmation	Invitation confirmation deadline is Monday 19th December 2016 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)
Claude Bergeret(claude.bergeret@fftt.email)

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 2017 ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup

Following players have been invited to the 2017 ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup

Men´s Invitation list				Women´s Invitation list			
#	ER	Player		#	ER	Player	
1	1	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER 1	1	2	HU Melek	TUR 1
2	2	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR 1	2	3	SOLJA Petrissa	GER 1
3	3	BOLL Timo	GER 2	3	4	SAMARA Elizabeta	ROU 1
4	4	FREITAS Marcos	POR 1	4	5	LIU Jia	AUT 1
5	5	GAUZY Simon	FRA 1	5	7	LI Jie	NED 1
6	6	FEGERL Stefan	AUT 1	6	9	LI Qian	POL 1
7	7	STEGER Bastian	GER 3	7	10	POTA Georgina	HUN 1
8	7	APOLONIA Tiago	POR 2	8	11	EKHOLM Matilda	SWE 1
9	9	KARLSSON Kristian	SWE 1	9	12	LI Jiao	NED 2
10	10	GACINA Andrej	CRO 1	10	13	WINTER Sabine	GER 2
11	11	KARLSSON Mattias	SWE 2	11	14	SHEN Yanfei	ESP 1
12	12	LEBESSON Emmanuel	FRA 2	12	15	MIKHAILOVA Polina	RUS 1
13	13	KOU Lei	UKR 1	13	17	MONTEIRO DODEAN Daniela	ROU 2
14	14	MONTEIRO Joao	POR 3	14	20	POLCANOVA Sofia	AUT 2
15	15	SHIBAEV Alexander	RUS 1	15	21	PAVLOVICH Viktoria	BLR 1
16	16	GROTH Jonathan	DEN 1	16		TBD	FRA 1
Reserve Players				Reserve Players			
17	17	GIONIS Panagiotis	GRE 1	17	22	BILENKO Tetyana	UKR 1
18	18	GERELL Par	SWE 3	18	23	SILBEREISEN Kristin	GER 3
19	19	DRINKHALL Paul	ENG 1	19	24	NI Xia Lian	LUX 1
20	20	DYJAS Jakub	POL 1	20	25	VACENOVSKA Iveta	CZE 1
21	21	DUDA Benedikt	GER 4	21	27	IVANCAN Irene	GER 4
22	22	GARDOS Robert	AUT 2	22	28	SZOCS Bernadette	ROU 3

Invitations are according to the European Ranking (Date: 01/12/2016).
Substitutions shall be according to the clause on page 2 of this document.
All according to the European Ranking list No. 12 issued on 01/12/2016.