

PROSPECTUS INFORMATION

Date **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th February 2018**

Authority Swiss Table Tennis under the authority of the European Table Tennis Union (ETTU) shall organise the 2018 ITTF Europe Top 16

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Host Association **Swiss Table Tennis**

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Playing Venue **Salle Omnisport du Pierrier**

Chemin du Pierrier
1815 Montreux Clarens, SWITZERLAND
<http://www.top16montreux.com/>

Prize Money **€ 61.000**

	Men	Women
<i>Winner</i>	€ 6000	€ 6000
<i>Runner up</i>	€ 4000	€ 4000
<i>3rd place</i>	€ 2500	€ 2500
<i>4th place</i>	€ 2000	€ 2000
<i>Losing round of 8 (QF)</i>	€ 1500	€ 1500
<i>Losing round of 16 (or round 1)</i>	€ 1250	€ 1250
Total	€ 30.500	€ 30.500

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. The prize money will be paid to the account of each player; the taxes respecting the Swiss laws will be deducted. Players will be asked for bank details in advance.

Playing system The competition is played on a knockout basis and in addition the losers of the semi-finals will play a match to determine places 3 and 4.
All matches will be played best of 7 games.
First 3 players in both events will be qualified for 2018 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 18th December 2017**

Default Ranking Default Policy applies for the tournament.

Draw The draw will be on **Friday 2nd February 2018** commencing at **18.00 local time** (17:00 GMT) in the Fairmont Le Montreux Palace Hotel.

Draw procedure The seeding list will be made according to the February 2018 World Ranking. Seeded players 1 and 2 will be placed in position 1 and 16. Seeded players 3 and 4 will be drawn by lot into position 8 and 9. Seeded players 5 to 8 will be drawn by lot into positions 4, 5, 12, 13. All remaining players will be drawn randomly to positions 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15. 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 per gender.
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 2016-2017 (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 eligible player from the European Ranking.
If the host Association player is not available or withdraws, another eligible 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 eligible 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.
- Gala Dinner** **It is the obligation of the top 3 finishers to attend the Gala Dinner on Sunday 4th February 2018 after the Finals in the Fairmont Le Montreux Palace Hotel.**
- Levy** There shall be a levy of € 250 per participating player payable to ETTU (Regulation H5.2).
- Press Officer** **Valentin Henin**
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- Competition Manager** **Didier Leroy**
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- Referee** **Werner THURY (AUT)**
Deputy Referee **Katja BRAND (SUI)**
- Equipment** Tables: Tibhar Smash 28 Showcourt (blue)
Balls: DHS D40+ (white)
Sports floor: Gerflor (red)
- Medical Service** Medical Services (doctor) will be provided in the venue on both days of competition under the responsibility of Dr. Gérald GREMION
- Official Hotel** **Fairmont Le Montreux Palace *******
Avenue Claude Nobs 2
1820 Montreux, SWITZERLAND
Tel: +41 21 962 12 12
<http://www.fairmont.com/montreux>

Hospitality

Single room: CHF 335 per person per night including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Fairmont Le Montreux Palace Hotel and access to all facilities

Double room: CHF 242,50 per person per night including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Fairmont Le Montreux Palace Hotel and access to all facilities

Information for room and meal bookings regarding number of persons, single/double rooms and arrival/departure date should be provided by **Saturday 23rd December 2017** to Didier Leroy (dleroy@ittf.com) and Georg Silberschmidt (georg.silberschmidt@swisstabletennis.ch) using the Accommodation/Travel form.

All players will have free hospitality from the lunch before the event till the breakfast after the event. Furthermore, their partner will have free hospitality for the whole period in the same room.

Travel

All participants should submit their arrival/departure details by **Monday 7th January 2018** to Didier Leroy (dleroy@ittf.com) and Georg Silberschmidt (georg.silberschmidt@swisstabletennis.ch). Those who have submitted their details will be picked up at **GENEVA International Airport**.

Participation Confirmation

Invitation confirmation deadline is **Monday 18th December 2017**
It is the same date as the **entry closing date**.

Please send back the attached confirmation form by e-mail to
Didier Leroy, Competition Manager (dleroy@ittf.com)
Pierre Kass, ETTU Secretariat (ettu@pt.lu)
Georg Silberschmidt, Event Director
(georg.silberschmidt@swisstabletennis.ch)

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 2018 ITTF Europe Top 16 Cup

Following players have been invited to the 2018 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	LI Jie	NED 1
2	2	BOLL Timo	GER 2	2	4	SAMARA Elizabeta	ROU 1
3	3	GAUZY Simon	FRA 1	3	5	LIU Jia	AUT 1
4	4	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR 1	4	6	POTA Georgina	HUN 1
5	5	FREITAS Marcos	POR 1	5	7	HU Melek	TUR 1
6	6	FILUS Ruwen	GER 3	6	8	POLCANOVA Sofia	AUT 2
7	7	KARLSSON Kristian	SWE 1	7	9	SOLJA Petrissa	GER 1
8	8	SHIBAEV Alexander	RUS 1	8	10	LI Qian	POL 1
9	9	STEGER Bastian	GER 4	9	12	EKHOLM Matilda	SWE 1
10	10	GROTH Jonathan	DEN 1	10	13	MONTEIRO DODEAN Daniela	ROU 2
11	11	LEBESSON Emmanuel	FRA 2	11	14	SZOCs Bernadette	ROU 3
12	12	APOLONIA Tiago	POR 2	12	15	LANG Kristin	GER 2
13	13	KARLSSON Mattias	SWE 2	13	17	NI Xia Lian	LUX 1
14	14	GIONIS Panagiotis	GRE 1	14	18	MIKHAILOVA Polina	RUS 1
15	15	FEGERL Stefan	AUT 1	15	19	WINTER Sabine	GER 3
16	149	WEBER Lionel	SUI 1	16	59	MORET Rachel	SUI 1
Reserve Players				Reserve Players			
17	16	DRINKHALL Paul	ENG 1	17	20	BILENKO Tetyana	UKR 1
18	17	KOU Lei	UKR 1	18	21	PAVLOVICH Viktoria	BLR 1
19	18	DUDA Benedikt (can replace GER 4 only)	GER 5	19	22	EERLAND Britt	NED 2
20	19	WALTHER Ricardo (can replace GER 4 only)	GER 6	20	23	PARTYKA Natalia	POL 2
21	20	FRANZISKA Patrick(can replace GER 4 only)	GER 7	21	25	VACENOVSKA Iveta	CZE 1
22	21	GACINA Andrej	CRO 1	22	26	PESOTSKA Margaryta	UKR 2

Invitations are according to the European Ranking (date: 6th December 2017).
Substitutions shall be according to the clause on page 2 of this document.
All according to the European Ranking list No. 12 issued on 6th December 2017.