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TABLE TENNIS

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Riocentro Pavilion 3

MEDIA GUIDE

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ZHANG Jike (CHN) won the 2011 World Championships, 2011 Men's World Cup and the London 2012 Olympic Games to achieve his first Grand Slam* in the shortest timespan of 445 days.

Zhang will be looking to complete his second Grand Slam in Rio.



* The Grand Slam title is earned when a player is crowned Singles Champion at the ITTF World Cup, World Table Tennis Championships and Olympic Games.
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ITTF OVERVIEW

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) is the international governing body of table tennis and has 222 affiliated member associations; the most of any International Sports Federation.

The ITTF holds over 80 events a year, seen the major events on TV in over 110 countries and currently has over 1.3 million social media followers which makes it one of the most followed sport on the planet.

The ITTF was initiated in Berlin, Germany and became formalized in London in 1926.

Table tennis became an Olympic discipline at the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympic Games and a Paralympic Discipline in 1960 .

The current ITTF President is Mr. Thomas WEIKERT (GER) who was appointed in 2014.

HISTORY OF TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis started as a parlour game in Victorian England; it was after dinner entertainment for the upper class society.

Gradually, the sport grew from a parlour game to a highly competitive activity. Interest began to fade around 1904, and it was not until its revival in the early 1920s that competition resumed on an ever-growing scale.

However, for the game to advance as a serious international sport, standards had to be developed, hence the formation of the ITTF in 1926, along with the first World Championships.

The first Championships were organised, in London in 1926, originally as a European Championships. There was one problem; a group of players from India wanted to compete; hastily just before play began, the name was changed to World Championships but the poster advertising the event remain as European Championships.

The game of table tennis has since gone from strength to strength, first appearing in the Olympic Gamestand now is the second most played sport in the world.

For further history look at the table tennis historical timeline here:
ITTF.com/media/History/Timeline_History.pdf.

BASIC TABLE TENNIS RULES

TEAM MATCHES

Three players form a team; an overall fixture between two teams comprises five matches. Two singles, followed by doubles and if necessary two further singles. The first team to win three matches is declared the winner. No player may compete in more than two matches in any one fixture. Each matches is best of five games. The Olympic Games is organised on the knock-out principle.

SINGLES MATCHES

Each match is best of seven games. The whole event is organised on the knock-out principle.

FLOW OF THE MATCH

Each player serves two points in a row; then the service changes. However, if a score of 10-10 is reached in any game, then the service is alternate. The first player to be two points clear is declared the winner. After each game, the players change ends; should a deciding game (5th in team matches, 7th in singles) be need; in that game the players change ends when one player reaches five points.

LEGAL SERVICE

The ball must rest on an open hand palm. It must be thrown vertically at least sixteen centimeters and struck as the ball falls. The ball must bounce on the server's side and then the opponent's side of the table.

If the serve is legal except that it touches the net, it is called a let serve and the server has to serve again.

EQUIPMENT

The racket must have a red and a black side. The ball must be white and 40 mm in diameter. The table is 2.74 meters long, 1.525 m wide, and 0.76 m high.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A player's racket is tested randomly before each match, and opponents have the right to look at each other's rackets.
- The edges of the table are part of the legal table surface, but not the sides.
- If a game lasts for more than 10 minutes, the expedite rule comes into action. Serving is alternate, if the receiver returns the 13th stroke in the rally, the receiver has won the point.
- If a player strikes the ball below the wrist of the hand that is holding the racket, the point is legal.
- If a player hits the ball around the net and it still lands legally on the table, the shot is valid.



15-year-old **Adriana DIAZ** is making her Olympic debut in Rio as the first Puerto Rican table tennis Olympian. She qualified through the ITTF-Latin America Olympic Qualification Tournament.

RIOCENTRO PAVILION 3



Riocentro Pavilion 3 - Venue for the table tennis event at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Address: Av. Salvador Allende, 6555 - Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro - RJ

Measuring 23,000 square metres, the Riocentro - Pavilion 3 stages the Rio 2016 Games' table tennis matches. The facilities feature four official competition tables.

Usage at Rio 2016:

Olympic Games: Table tennis.

Paralympic Games: Table tennis.

Getting to Riocentro Pavilion 3

Media shuttle: TM 39 connects the Media Transport Mall (MTM) with Riocentro Pavilion 3.

Timetable for Games network: The media transport (TM) to competition venues runs every 20 minutes on competition days and every hour on non-competition days.

Public transport: BRT TransOlimpica to Riocentro BRT station (walking distance: 450m).

TABLE TENNIS KEY DATES

03 August 2016, 12:00 – Draw Ceremony (Singles and Team)

03 August 2016, 14:00 – Press Conference @ Riocentro Pavilion 3

04 August 2016, 12:00 – New Table Tennis Launch

05 August 2016, 20:00 – Rio 2016 Opening Ceremony

10 August 2016, 20:30 – Women's Singles Bronze Medal Match

10 August 2016, 21:30 – Women's Singles Gold Medal Match

11 August 2016, 20:30 – Men's Singles Bronze Medal Match

11 August 2016, 21:30 – Men's Singles Gold Medal Match

16 August 2016, 11:00 – Women's Team Bronze Medal Match

16 August 2016, 19:30 – Women's Team Gold Medal Match

17 August 2016, 11:00 – Men's Team Bronze Medal Match

17 August 2016, 19:30 – Men's Team Gold Medal Match

TABLE TENNIS TIME SCHEDULE

Day 1 – 6 August 2016

Session 1: 09:00-12:45

Women's & Men's Singles Preliminaries

Women's Singles 1st Round

Session 2: 14:30-17:30

Women's & Men's Singles 1st Round

Session 3: 19:00-22:00

Men's Singles 1st Round

Women's Singles 2nd Round

Day 2 – 7 August 2016

Session 4: 09:00-12:00

Women's & Men's Singles 2nd Round

Session 5: 13:30-16:30

Women's & Men's Singles 2nd Round

Session 6: 18:00-22:00

Women's & Men's Singles 3rd Round

Day 3 – 8 August 2016

Session 7: 10:00-14:00

Women's & Men's Singles 3rd Round

Session 8: 16:00-18:00

Women's & Men's Singles 4th Round

Session 9: 20:30-22:30

Women's & Men's Singles 4th Round

Day 4 – 9 August 2016

Session 10: 10:00-14:00

Women's Singles Quarterfinals

Session 11: 16:00-18:00

Men's Singles Quarterfinals

Session 12: 20:30-22:30

Men's Singles Quarterfinals

TABLE TENNIS TIME SCHEDULE

Day 5 – 10 August 2016

Session 13: 10:00-12:00

Women's Singles Semifinals

Session 14: 20:30-22:30

Women's Singles Bronze Medal

Women's Singles Final

Day 7 – 12 August 2016

Session 17: 10:00-13:00

Women's Team 1st Round

Session 18: 15:00-18:00

Women's Team 1st Round

Session 19: 19:30-22:30

Men's Team 1st Round

Day 9 – 14 August 2016

Session 23: 10:00-13:00

Men's Team Quarterfinals

Session 24: 15:00-18:00

Men's Team Quarterfinals

Session 25: 19:30-22:30

Women's Team Semi Final Match 1

Day 11– 16 August 2016

Session 29: 11:00-14:00

Women's Team Bronze Medal

Session 30: 19:30-22:30

Women's Team Final

Day 6 – 11 August 2016

Session 15: 10:00-12:00

Men's Singles Semifinals

Session 16: 20:30-22:30

Men's Singles Bronze Medal

Men's Singles Final

Day 8 – 13 August 2016

Session 20: 10:00-13:00

Women's Team Quarterfinals

Session 21: 15:00-18:00

Men's Team 1st Round

Session 22: 19:30-22:30

Women's Team Quarterfinals

Day 10– 15 August 2016

Session 26: 10:00-13:00

Women's Team Semifinal Match 2

Session 27: 15:00-18:00

Men's Team Semifinal Match 1

Session 28: 19:30-22:30

Men's Team Semifinal Match 2

Day 12– 17 August 2016

Session 31: 11:00-14:00

Men's Team Bronze Medal

Session 32: 19:30-22:30

Men's Team Final



Hugo CALDERANO (BRA) won the first table tennis Olympic medal for Latin America at the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

Can the 19-year-old Pan American Champion make more history on home soil in Rio?

TABLE TENNIS QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

SINGLES EVENT

For each NOC, a maximum of 2 players per gender is eligible to participate in the singles event.

1. Singles Continental Qualification (40 quota places per gender)

Qualification for the singles event were determined through continental qualification events, with the following distribution of quota places:

- North America / Oceania: 3 each
- Africa / Latin America: 6 each
- Asia / Europe: 11 each

A total of 9 qualification events were held from 1 June 2015 – 24 April 2016.

2. ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking Qualification (22 quota places per gender)

Players who participated in the Continental Qualification event but did not qualify were eligible for qualification through the ITTF Olympic Singles Ranking list.

The highest 22 eligible athletes, with a maximum of 2 athletes per NOC qualified to participate in the singles event.

An additional 7 qualification places per gender were added to the singles event, as the Team Quota (22 places) was not fully utilized.

3. Tripartite Commission Invitation

1 men's singles and 1 women's singles Tripartite Commission Invitation places were made available to eligible NOCs.

TEAM EVENT

The team selection process began after the 62 athletes who qualified through the singles Continental Qualification event.

A total of 16 teams have been defined as follows:

1. Continental places: 6 teams (1 team from each continent)

For each continent, the highest ranked team in the May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list, which has an NOC and a total of 2 athletes qualified through any of the Olympic qualification methods, received 1 additional athlete quota place from the Team Quota (22 places in total) to form a team of 3 athletes.

2. Remaining places: 10 teams (as host country qualified via quota)

- (a) NOCs with 2 singles athlete received 1 additional athlete quota place
- (b) According to May 2016 ITTF Olympic Team Ranking list.

TABLE TENNIS PLAYING SYSTEM

RIO 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES TABLE TENNIS EVENTS

The Table Tennis Olympic competition will consist of four events: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Team and Women's Team.

SINGLES EVENTS

Men's Singles and Women's Singles will follow a knockout (single elimination) format, consisting of a preliminary round (conditional), round one (16 matches), round two (16 matches), round three (16 matches), round four (eight matches), quarterfinals (four matches), semifinals (two matches) and medal matches (two matches).

The entries ranked 1 to 16 will qualify directly to the third round, the entries ranked 17 to 32 to the second round and the entries ranked 33 to the total number of participants will have to qualify to the first or preliminary rounds.

In the semifinals round, the winners advance to the gold medal match, in which the gold and silver medallists will be decided. The losers compete for the bronze medal.

TEAM EVENTS

In both Men's and Women's Team events there will be 16 teams entered, each team representing an NOC.

A team consists of three players but a team of two players is allowed to participate in the team match if the third player is absent due to injury, illness or disqualification. If a player is not able to play a match due to injury or illness he or she will forfeit the match but he or she can participate in his or her subsequent matches of the team match. If a player is not able to play, the team may continue the competition with two players. If an NOC has a "P" athlete accreditation, a player can be replaced if the process of replacement is completed "P" athlete accreditation does NOT apply for replacing disqualified players.

Each team match consists of five individual matches and ends when one team has won a majority of the possible individual matches. Each individual match is the best of five games.

A team match consists of two singles matches followed by a doubles match, followed, if necessary, by one or two singles matches, until a team wins three matches.

For each team match, the captain will nominate the players who will play the first two singles matches. The third player will play in the doubles match (match number 3) with either of the two players who played the first two matches, selected by the

TABLE TENNIS PLAYING SYSTEM

captain after the second singles match is completed. The remaining matches (if necessary) will be set in a way to ensure that each player plays a maximum of two matches according to the following system:

Orde	Type	ABC team	XYZ team
1	Singles	A	X
2	Singles	B	Y
<i>Captain chooses DBL pair. 5 minutes break</i>			
3	Doubles	C + A or B	Z + X or Y
<i>5 minutes break</i>			
4	Singles	A or B (non-playing Doubles)	Z

Before the start of the match, the team that wins the toss shall choose to be either the ABC team or the XYZ team. After choosing ABC or XYZ team, the captain nominates players in position A, B, C or X, Y, Z.

After the captain hands over the nomination sheet for doubles (once the 2 first singles matches have been played), the match order of the 4th and 5th matches is automatically decided. There will be a 5-minute break prior to and following the doubles match.

The team competition will follow a knockout (single elimination) format. The losers of semi-finals will play-off for the Bronze medal.



Youth Olympic Games Bronze medallist **Lily ZHANG (USA)** will be competing in her second Olympic Games in Rio in both the Singles & Team events.

TABLE TENNIS INTERESTING FACTS

- Youngest team playing in Rio: USA Men's Team - average age of 20.2 years.
- Oldest team playing in Rio: Nigerian Men's Team - average age of 35.2 years.
- Youngest male player in Rio: Kanak Jha (USA) - 16 years 1 month 16 days
- Youngest female player in Rio: Sally Yee (FIJ) - 15 years 3 months 27 days
- Oldest male player in Rio: He Zhiwen (ESP) - 54 years 2 months 6 days
- Oldest female player in Rio: Ni Xialian (LUX) - 53 years 1 month 2 days
- GUO Yue (CHN) was 16 years, 1 month and 3 days old when she claimed bronze in the women's doubles event with NIU Jianfeng at Athens 2004 to become the youngest medallist.
- OH Sangeun (KOR) was the oldest Olympic table tennis medallist ever, claiming the men's team silver medal in 2012.
- No final has gone the full 7 games distance since matches became best of 7.
- No final has ever been won by the minimum 2 points margin in the final game (includes best of 7 and 5 and 3).
- Both Men's and Women's Team event finals have never gone beyond 3-0 match score.
- Sweden's Jorgen Persson, Croatia's Zoran Primorac and Belgium's Jean-Michel Saive have played in 7 Olympic Games, most of any table tennis player. Nigeria's Segun Toriola will join them, as he plays his 7th Olympic in Rio.
- The fastest Olympic table tennis final was played by Zhang Yining (CHN) against Kim Hyang Mi (PRK) in Athens 2004. Zhang beat Kim 11-8, 11-7, 11-2, 11-2 (63 points).
- 1988 was the only occasion China didn't appear in the Men's Singles semifinals, however China won the men's doubles title.
- Japan's first Olympic medal came in London 2012 where they won Silver in the Women's Team event. Japan has never won a medal in singles.
- Zhang Yining (CHN) has never lost a match in any event. Along with Ma Lin, she has won Singles, Doubles, and Team Gold medals. Additionally, Zhang was never pushed beyond 5 games in the singles event.
- 1992 had no playoff match for bronze, in all events two players/pairs were awarded bronze medals.



Nigeria's **Segun TORIOLA** will be playing his seventh Olympic Games in Rio, which is the most of any African athlete from any Olympic sport.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES - MEN



Seed 1. MA Long (China)

WR: 1 **Age:** 27 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 2
Best OG Performance: Singles debut
Career Highlights: 2015 World Champion, 2015 Men's World Cup Champion, 2015 World Tour Grand Finals Champion
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Interesting Story: The world number one has won 22 ITTF World Tour titles. Ma will complete his first grand slam if he wins the Men's Singles Gold in Rio.

Seed 2. ZHANG Jike (China)

WR: 4 **Age:** 28 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 2
Best OG Performance: 2012 Men's Singles Gold
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2011, 2013 World Champion, 2012 Olympic Champion
Interesting Story: Zhang's name came from Brazilian footballer Zico, and is a big fan of Cristiano Ronaldo. Zhang will be fighting for his second Grand Slam in Rio.



Seed 3. Dimitrij OVTCHAROV (Germany)

WR: 5 **Age:** 27 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 3
Best OG Performance: 2012 Men's Singles Bronze
Career Highlights: 2008 Olympic Men's Team Silver, 2015 European Champion
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Interesting Story: Born in Ukraine, Ovtcharov moved to Germany following the Chernobyl disaster. Ovtcharov swept all major titles in Europe in 2015.

Seed 4. Jun MIZUTANI (Japan)

WR: 6 **Age:** 27 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 3
Best OG Performance: 2012 Men's Singles Round of 16
Playing Style: Left handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2010, 2014 World Tour Grand Finals Champion
Interesting Story: Mizutani was crowned Japan's National Champion at the age of 17, he won the National Championships in January for the 8th time, which is a tied record. Mizutani is a proud father one daughter.



PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES - MEN



Seed 5. CHUANG Chih-Yuan (Chinese Taipei)

WR: 7 **Age:** 35 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 4
Best OG Performance: 2012 Men's Singles 4th
Career Highlights: 2013 World Doubles Champion
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Interesting Story: Chuang's first coach is his mum. In London 2012, his mum was his coach when Chuang lost the bronze medal match against Ovtcharov.

Seed 6. WONG Chun Ting (Hong Kong)

WR: 8 **Age:** 24 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 1
Best OG Performance: Debut
Playing Style: Right handed attacking penhold
Career Highlights: 2016 Asian Cup Men's Singles Bronze
Interesting Story: Wong was never a celebrated player in his junior days, but his hardwork paid off when he won his first ITTF title at the 2015 Czech Open, and bronze in mixed doubles at the 2015 World Championships.



Seed 7. Vladimir SAMSONOV (Belarus)

WR: 9 **Age:** 40 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 6
Best OG Performance: 2000 Men's Singles Quarterfinals
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 1997 World Championships Runner-up, Former World Number 1
Interesting Story: Samsonov is the chairman of the ITTF Athletes' Commission. Samsonov has a record of 26 ITTF World Tour titles.

Seed 8. JEONG Youngsik (Korea Republic)

WR: 10 **Age:** 24 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 1
Best OG Performance: Debut
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2011 WTTC Men's Doubles Bronze
Interesting Story: Jeong started playing at the age of 5 and has established himself as one of the top Korean players the past few years. Jeong's father is also a table tennis player.



PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES - MEN



Seed 9. Marcos FREITAS (Portugal)

WR: 12 **Age:** 28 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 3
Best OG Performance: 2012 Men's Singles Round of 32
Playing Style: Left handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2012 Olympic Men's Team Quarterfinals, 2014 European Team Champion
Interesting Story: Freitas first represented Portugal when he was 11 and now he practices at the Werner Schlager academy in Austria.

Seed 10. Timo BOLL (Germany)

WR: 14 **Age:** 35 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 5
Best OG Performance: 2004 Men's Singles Quarterfinals
Playing Style: Left handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2008 Olympic Men's Team Silver, 6 time European Champion, Former World Number 1
Interesting Story: Despite undergoing a knee surgery in October 2015, Boll shows that he is still one of the best in the world, qualifying for his 5th Olympic Games.



Seed 11. LEE Sangsu (Korea Republic)

WR: 15 **Age:** 25 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 1
Best OG Performance: Debut
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2013 WTTC Mixed Doubles Silver
Interesting Story: In 2010, Lee created history by being the first player required to play in the qualification stage to win the ITTF World Tour Slovenian Open title.

Seed 12. TANG Peng (Hong Kong)

WR: 16 **Age:** 35 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 2
Best OG Performance: 2012 Men's Singles Round of 64
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2012 Olympic Men's Team 4th
Interesting Story: Tang will be taking part in Rio together with his wife/fellow teammate Tie Yana.



PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES - MEN



Seed 13. Tiago APOLONIA (Portugal)

WR: 17 **Age:** 30 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 3
Best OG Performance: 2008 Men's Singles Round of 64
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2012 Olympic Men's Team Quarterfinals, 2014 European Team Champion
Interesting Story: Known as the Cristiano Ronaldo of table tennis, Apolonia plays for Saarbrücken in the Bundesliga's final, and states that the club is like his second family.

Seed 14. Simon GAUZY (France)

WR: 18 **Age:** 21 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 1
Best OG Performance: Debut
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2015 European Games Team Silver
Interesting Story: His younger brother Paul also plays table tennis and is currently ranked 269th in the world. Roger Federer is Gauzy's idol, he hopes to meet him soon.



Seed 15. Koki NIWA (Japan)

WR: 19 **Age:** 21 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 2
Best OG Performance: Singles debut
Playing Style: Left handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2010 Youth Olympic Champion, 2012 Olympic Men's Team Quarterfinalist, 2011 Junior World Champion
Interesting Story: Niwa took up the sport under the influence of his dad, and his older sister has also represented Japan on several occasions.

Seed 16. Andrej GACINA (Croatia)

WR: 20 **Age:** 30 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 3
Best OG Performance: 2012 Men's Singles Round of 16
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2011 European Men Doubles Gold
Interesting Story: Leading player for Croatia the past few years, Gacina was ranked 18th in the World Ranking list in Feb 2016, which is the highest of his career.



PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES - WOMEN



Seed 1. DING Ning (China)

WR: 2 **Age:** 26 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 2
Best OG Performance: 2012 Women's Singles Silver
Playing Style: Left handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2012 Olympic Women's Team Gold, 2011 & 2015 World Champion
Interesting Story: Nicknamed "Big Baby", Ding is well liked by fans due to her bubbly character. If Ding Ning wins in Rio, she will complete the grand slam.

Seed 2. FENG Tianwei (Singapore)

WR: 4 **Age:** 29 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 2
Best OG Performance: 2012 Women's Singles Bronze
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2008 Olympic Women's Team Silver, 2010 World Team Champion
Interesting Story: Feng led the Singapore team to the Women's team finals during the 2008 Olympics on her first ever Olympic outing, winning Singapore's first ever medal in 48 years.



Seed 3. LI Xiaoxia (China)

WR: 5 **Age:** 28 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 2
Best OG Performance: 2012 Women's Singles Gold
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2013 World Champion, 2012 Olympic Champion
Interesting Story: Li completed her grand slam after becoming the 2013 World Champion, and aims to defend her Olympic title in Rio. Her favourite colour is pink.

Seed 4. Kasumi ISHIKAWA (Japan)

WR: 6 **Age:** 23 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 2
Best OG Performance: 2012 Women's Singles 4th
Playing Style: Left handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2012 Olympic Women's Team Silver, 2014 World Team Championships Runner-up
Interesting Story: Ishikawa and her teammates created history at London 2012 when they won the first table tennis medal at the Olympic Games for Japan.



PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES - WOMEN



Seed 5. Ai FUKUHARA (Japan)

WR: 7 **Age:** 27 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 4
Best OG Performance: 2012 Women's Singles Round of 16
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2012 Olympic Women's Team Silver
Interesting Story: Fukuhara received lots of media attention from the age of 3, taking part in exhibition events and television programmes. She was deemed child prodigy in Japan, as she often beat older players during tournaments.

Seed 6. HAN Ying (Germany)

WR: 8 **Age:** 33 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 1
Best OG Performance: Debut
Playing Style: Right handed defensive shakehand
Career Highlights: 2015 European Team Champion
Interesting Story: Han reached her career high ranking of 8th in October 2015, after winning the Austrian Open. She is also a mother of one daughter.



Seed 7. JEON Jihee (Korea Republic)

WR: 11 **Age:** 23 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 1
Best OG Performance: Debut
Playing Style: Left handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2014 Asian Games Mixed Doubles Bronze, 4 ITTF World Tour titles
Interesting Story: Jeon started playing table tennis under the influence of her dad, who is a table tennis coach.

Seed 8. CHENG I-Ching (Chinese Taipei)

WR: 12 **Age:** 24 **OG Appearances (incl. Rio):** 1
Best OG Performance: Debut
Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand
Career Highlights: 2016 World Team Championships Bronze, 2016 Japan Open Women's Singles Semifinalist
Interesting Story: After missing out on the previous Olympic Games due to injury, Cheng stated that the 4 year wait to Rio has been difficult.



PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES - WOMEN



Seed 9. YU Mengyu (Singapore)

WR: 15 Age: 26 OG Appearances (incl. Rio): 1

Best OG Performance: Debut

Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Career Highlights: 2015 World Championships Women's Doubles Bronze, 2010 World Team Champion

Interesting Story: Yu started playing table tennis at the age of 5 because her parents felt that playing sports will help her strengthen her body and her immune system.

Seed 10. Petrissa SOLJA (Germany)

WR: 16 Age: 22 OG Appearances (incl. Rio): 1

Best OG Performance: Debut

Playing Style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Career Highlights: 2015 Women's World Cup Bronze

Interesting Story: Solja's breakthrough year was in 2015, when she beat several top players to reach the German Open final, and won Bronze at the 2015 Women's World Cup.



Seed 11. SUH Hyowon (Korea Republic)

WR: 17 Age: 29 OG Appearances (incl. Rio): 1

Best OG Performance: Debut

Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Career Highlights: 3 ITTF World Tour titles

Interesting Story: When Suh was 20, she had surgery to repair a herniated disc in her back. She looks up to Hyun Jung Hwa, who won the 1988 Olympics Women's Doubles.

Seed 12. LI Jie (Netherlands)

WR: 21 Age: 32 OG Appearances (incl. Rio): 3

Best OG Performance: 2012 Women's Singles Round of 16

Playing Style: Right handed defensive shakehand

Career Highlights: 2015 World Championships Women's Doubles Bronze

Interesting Story: After giving birth, Li came back stronger and partnered Li Qian (POL) to a bronze medal at the 2015 World Championships.



PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES - WOMEN



Seed 13. DOO Hoi Kem (Hong Kong)

WR: 23 Age: 19 OG Appearances (incl. Rio): 1

Best OG Performance: Debut

Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Career Highlights: 2014 Youth Olympics Silver

Interesting Story: Youngest in the Hong Kong team, Doo is the highest ranked female player for Hong Kong. At the Asian Olympics qualifier in April, Doo defeated World No.1 Liu Shiwen (CHN) to record her best win of her career.

Seed 14. HU Melek (Turkey)

WR: 24 Age: 27 OG Appearances (incl. Rio): 3

Best OG Performance: 2008 Women's Singles Round of 32

Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Career Highlights: 2015 European Women's Doubles Champion, 2013 World Championships Quarterfinalist

Interesting Story: In partnership with Shen Yanfei, Hu won the European Women's Doubles title for the first time.



Seed 15. LEE Ho Ching (Hong Kong)

WR: 26 Age: 23 OG Appearances (incl. Rio): 2

Best OG Performance: 2012 Women's Team Quarterfinals

Playing Style: Right handed attacking shakehand

Career Highlights: 2014 WTTTC Women's Team Bronze

Interesting Story: Lee started playing table tennis at the age of 7, together with her older brother. Lee caused an upset during the Asian Olympic Qualifiers beating Fukuhara Ai (JPN) for the first time.

Seed 16. LIU Jia (Austria)

WR: 27 Age: 34 OG Appearances (incl. Rio): 5

Best OG Performance: 2012 Women's Singles Round of 32

Playing Style: Left handed attacking shakehand

Career Highlights: Liu Jia returned to international play after giving birth to her child in 2011. She was also awarded the Fair Play Star Award in 2014 ITTF Star Awards.



MA Long (CHN) swept all major Men's Singles World titles in 2015!

- World Champion, Men's World Cup Champion, ITTF World Tour Grand Finals Champion.

Can the World number 1 continue his form to win Gold in Rio and earn his first Grand Slam title?



MEN'S SINGLES QUALIFIERS

Seed	Name	NOC	WR	Age	Playing Style (Hand / Style / Grip)
1	MA Long	CHN	1	27	Right / Attack / Shakehand
2	ZHANG Jike	CHN	4	28	Right / Attack / Shakehand
3	Dimitrij OVTCHAROV	GER	5	27	Right / Attack / Shakehand
4	Jun MIZUTANI	JPN	6	27	Left / Attack / Shakehand
5	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE	7	35	Right / Attack / Shakehand
6	WONG Chun Ting	HKG	8	24	Right / Attack / Penhold
7	Vladimir SAMSONOV	BLR	9	40	Right / Attack / Shakehand
8	JEONG Youngsik	KOR	10	24	Right / Attack / Shakehand
9	Marcos FREITAS	POR	12	28	Left / Attack / Shakehand
10	Timo BOLL	GER	14	35	Left / Attack / Shakehand
11	LEE Sangsu	KOR	15	25	Right / Attack / Shakehand
12	TANG Peng	HKG	16	35	Right / Attack / Shakehand
13	Tiago APOLONIA	POR	17	30	Right / Attack / Shakehand
14	Simon GAUZY	FRA	18	21	Right / Attack / Shakehand
15	Koki NIWA	JPN	19	21	Left / Attack / Shakehand
16	Andrej GACINA	CRO	20	30	Right / Attack / Shakehand
17	Stefan FEGERL	AUT	21	27	Right / Attack / Shakehand
18	Alexander SHIBAEV	RUS	23	25	Right / Attack / Shakehand
19	Panagiotis GIONIS	GRE	26	36	Right / Defence / Shakehand
20	Kristian KARLSSON	SWE	27	25	Left / Attack / Shakehand
21	LI Ping	QAT	28	30	Right / Attack / Shakehand
22	Par GERELL	SWE	29	34	Left / Attack / Shakehand
23	Jonathan GROTH	DEN	31	23	Left / Attack / Shakehand
24	Emmanuel LEBESSON	FRA	32	28	Left / Attack / Shakehand
25	CHEN Chien-An	TPE	33	25	Left / Attack / Shakehand

*Seeding based on July
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MEN'S SINGLES QUALIFIERS

Seed	Name	NOC	WR	Age	Playing Style (Hand / Style / Grip)
26	GAO Ning	SIN	35	33	Right / Attack / Shakehand
27	Quadri ARUNA	NGR	38	27	Right / Attack / Shakehand
28	Omar ASSAR	EGY	41	25	Right / Attack / Shakehand
29	KOU Lei	UKR	43	28	Right / Attack / Shakehand
30	LI Ahmet	TUR	45	25	Left / Attack / Shakehand
31	Hugo CALDERANO	BRA	46	20	Right / Attack / Shakehand
32	WANG Zengyi	POL	48	33	Right / Attack / Penhold
33	Robert GARDOS	AUT	49	37	Right / Attack / Shakehand
34	Liam PITCHFORD	GBR	49	23	Right / Attack / Shakehand
35	WANG Yang	SVK	52	21	Right / Defence / Shakehand
36	Jakub DYJAS	POL	54	20	Right / Attack / Shakehand
37	Bojan TOKIC	SLO	55	35	Right / Attack / Shakehand
38	Paul DRINKHALL	GBR	58	26	Right / Attack / Shakehand
39	Gustavo TSUBOI	BRA	64	31	Left / Attack / Shakehand
40	Soumyajit GHOSH	IND	68	23	Right / Attack / Shakehand
41	Eugene WANG	CAN	69	30	Right / Attack / Shakehand
42	Benedek OLAH	FIN	72	25	Right / Attack / Shakehand
43	Lubomir JANCARIK	CZE	73	28	Right / Attack / Shakehand
44	Sharath Kamal ACHANTA	IND	75	34	Right / Attack / Shakehand
45	HE Zhiwen	ESP	78	54	Left / Attack / Penhold
46	IONESCU Ovidiu	ROU	79	27	Right / Attack / Shakehand
47	Dimitrij PROKOPCOV	CZE	80	36	Right / Attack / Shakehand
48	Adam PATTANTYUS	HUN	86	37	Right / Defence / Shakehand
49	Adrian CRISAN	ROU	88	36	Right / Attack / Shakehand

MEN'S SINGLES QUALIFIERS

Seed	Name	NOC	WR	Age	Playing Style (Hand / Style / Grip)
50	Aleksandar KARAKASEVIC	SRB	89	40	Left / Attack / Shakehand
51	Noshad ALAMIYAN	IRI	102	24	Left / Attack / Shakehand
52	Nima ALAMIAN	IRI	114	23	Right / Attack / Shakehand
53	CHEN Feng	SIN	121	22	Right / Attack / Shakehand
54	Segun TORIOLA	NGR	122	41	Right / Attack / Shakehand
55	Marcos MADRID	MEX	162	29	Right / Attack / Shakehand
56	Kirill GERASSIMENKO	KAZ	177	19	Right / Attack / Shakehand
57	Andy PEREIRA	CUB	188	26	Left / Attack / Shakehand
58	Padasak TANVIRIYA-VECHAKUL	THA	191	20	Left / Attack / Shakehand
59	Brian AFANADOR	PUR	206	19	Right / Attack / Shakehand
60	Marcelo AGUIRRE	PAR	229	23	Left / Attack / Shakehand
61	Khalid ASSAR	EGY	229	23	Right / Attack / Shakehand
62	Jorge CAMPOS	CUB	229	24	Right / Attack / Shakehand
63	Zokhid KENJAEV	UZB	247	24	Left / Attack / Shakehand
64	Kanak JHA	USA	272	16	Right / Attack / Shakehand
65	FENG Yijun	USA	276	19	Right / Attack / Penhold
66	David POWELL	AUS	283	25	Right / Attack / Shakehand
67	Suraju SAKA	CGO	300	40	Right / Attack / Shakehand
68	Chris YAN Xin	AUS	365	27	Right / Attack / Shakehand
69	Yoshua SHING	VAN	615	23	Right / Attack / Shakehand
70	WANG Jianan	CGO	-	33	Left / Attack / Shakehand

WOMEN'S SINGLES QUALIFIERS

Seed	Name	NOC	WR	Age	Playing Style (Hand / Style / Grip)
1	DING Ning	CHN	2	26	Left/Attack/Shakehand
2	FENG Tianwei	SIN	4	29	Right/Attack/Shakehand
3	LI Xiaoxia	CHN	5	28	Right/Attack/Shakehand
4	Kasumi ISHIKAWA	JPN	6	23	Left/Attack/Shakehand
5	Ai FUKUHARA	JPN	7	27	Right/Attack/Shakehand
6	HAN Ying	GER	8	33	Right/Defence/Shakehand
7	JEON Jihee	KOR	11	23	Left/Attack/Shakehand
8	CHENG I-Ching	TPE	12	24	Right/Attack/Shakehand
9	YU Mengyu	SIN	15	26	Right/Attack/Shakehand
10	Petrissa SOLJA	GER	16	22	Left/Attack/Shakehand
11	SUH Hyowon	KOR	17	29	Right/Defence/Shakehand
12	LI Jie	NED	21	32	Right/Defence/Shakehand
13	DOO Hoi Kem	HKG	23	19	Right/Attack/Shakehand
14	HU Melek	TUR	24	27	Right/Attack/Shakehand
15	LEE Ho Ching	HKG	26	23	Right/Attack/Shakehand
16	LIU Jia	AUT	27	34	Left/Attack/Shakehand
17	YU Fu	POR	29	37	Right/Attack/Shakehand
18	Elizabeta SAMARA	ROU	30	27	Left/Attack/Shakehand
19	LI Qian	POL	32	30	Right/Defence/Shakehand
20	LI Jiao	NED	33	43	Left/Attack/Penhold
21	RI Myong Sun	PRK	37	24	Right/Defence/Shakehand
22	Polina MIKHAILOVA	RUS	38	29	Right/Defence/Shakehand
23	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE	43	23	Right/Attack/Shakehand
24	Georgina POTA	HUN	45	31	Right/Attack/Shakehand
25	LI Fen	SWE	46	39	Right/Attack/Shakehand

WOMEN'S SINGLES QUALIFIERS

Seed	Name	NOC	WR	Age	Playing Style (Hand / Style / Grip)
26	Tetyana BILENKO	UKR	51	32	Right/Defence/Shakehand
27	SHEN Yanfei	ESP	52	36	Left/Attack/Shakehand
28	Matilda EKHOLM	SWE	53	34	Left/Attack/Shakehand
29	SHAO Jieni	POR	54	22	Left/Attack/Shakehand
30	LI Xue	FRA	55	31	Right/Defence/Shakehand
31	KIM Song I	PRK	56	21	Right/Defence/Shakehand
32	Sofia POLCANOVA	AUT	57	21	Left/Attack/Shakehand
33	Viktoria PAVLOVICH	BLR	60	38	Right/Defence/Shakehand
34	Daniela MONTEIRO DODEAN	ROU	62	28	Right/Attack/Shakehand
35	Suthasini SAWETTABUT	THA	63	21	Right/Attack/Shakehand
36	Katarzyna GRZYBOWSKA-FRANC	POL	64	27	Right/Attack/Shakehand
37	Barbora BALAZOVA	SVK	69	24	Left/Attack/Shakehand
38	Iveta VACENOVSKA	CZE	70	30	Right/Attack/Shakehand
39	NI Xia Lian	LUX	71	53	Left/Attack/Penhold
40	Nanthana KOMWONG	THA	75	35	Right/Attack/Shakehand
41	Maria DOLGIKH	RUS	76	29	Right/Defence/Shakehand
42	Hana MATELOVA	CZE	82	26	Right/Attack/Shakehand
43	Adriana DIAZ	PUR	84	15	Right/Attack/Shakehand
44	Eva ODOROVA	SVK	91	36	Right/Attack/Shakehand
45	Petra LOVAS	HUN	93	36	Right/Attack/Shakehand
46	Lily ZHANG	USA	94	20	Right/Attack/Shakehand
47	Galia DVORAK	ESP	95	28	Right/Attack/Shakehand
48	Alexandra PRIVALOVA	BLR	96	28	Right/Attack/Shakehand



Melissa TAPPER is Australia's first athlete to compete in both the Olympic and Paralympic Games and is the second table tennis player to do so after Poland's Natalia PARTYKA!

The 26-year-old will be playing in Class 10 Para Table Tennis at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

WOMEN'S SINGLES QUALIFIERS

Seed	Name	NOC	WR	Age	Playing Style (Hand / Style / Grip)
49	Dina MESHREF	EGY	98	22	Left/Attack/Shakehand
50	ZHANG Mo	CAN	102	27	Right/Attack/Shakehand
51	Caroline KUMAHARA	BRA	119	21	Right/Attack/Shakehand
52	LAY Jian Fang	AUS	129	43	Right/Attack/Penhold
53	Manika BATRA	IND	130	21	Right/Attack/Shakehand
54	Yadira SILVA	MEX	131	30	Right/Attack/Shakehand
55	GUI Lin	BRA	138	22	Right/Attack/Shakehand
56	WU Yue	USA	149	26	Right/Attack/Shakehand
57	Mouma DAS	IND	153	32	Right/Attack/Shakehand
58	HAN Xing	CGO	171	26	Right/Attack/Shakehand
59	Nadeen EL-DAWLATLY	EGY	200	23	Right/Attack/Shakehand
60	Lady RUANO	COL	208	35	Right/Attack/Shakehand
61	Gremlis ARVELO	VEN	214	19	Right/Attack/Shakehand
62	Offiong EDEM	NGR	217	29	Right/Attack/Shakehand
63	Olofunke OSHONAIKE	NGR	228	40	Right/Attack/Shakehand
64	Neda SHAHSAVARI	IRI	270	29	Left/Attack/Shakehand
65	Ian LARIBA	PHI	315	21	Left/Attack/Shakehand
66	Melissa TAPPER	AUS	331	26	Left/Attack/Shakehand
67	Safa SAIDANI	TUN	446	26	Right/Attack/Shakehand
68	Mariana SAHAKIAN	LIB	542	38	Right/Attack/Shakehand
69	Heba ALLEJJI	SYR	713	19	Right/Attack/Shakehand
70	Sally YEE	FIJ	799	15	Right/Attack/Shakehand

*Seeding based on July
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QUALIFIED TEAMS - MEN

Team	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3
China	MA Long	ZHANG Jike	XU Xin
Germany	Dimitrij OVTCHAROV	Timo BOLL	Bastian STEGER
Korea Republic	JEOUNG Youngsik	LEE Sangsu	JOO Saehyuk
Japan	Jun MIZUTANI	Koki NIWA	Maharu YOSHIMURA
Hong Kong	WONG Chun Ting	TANG Peng	HO Kwan Kit
France	Simon GAUZY	Emmanuel LEBESSON	Tristan FLORE
Portugal	Marcos FREITAS	Tiago APOLONIA	Joao MONTEIRO
Chinese Taipei	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	CHEN Chien-An	CHIANG Hung-Chieh
Sweden	Par GERELL	Kristian KARLSSON	Mattias KARLSSON
Austria	Stefan FEGERL	Robert GARDOS	Daniel HABESOHN
Poland	WANG Zengyi	Jakub DYJAS	Daniel GORAK
Great Britain	Liam PITCHFORD	Paul DRINKHALL	Samuel WALKER
Nigeria	Quadri ARUNA	Segun TORIOLA	Bode ABIODUN
Brazil	Hugo CALDERANO	Gustavo TSUBOI	Cazuo MATSUMOTO
USA	FENG Yijun	Kanak JHA	Timothy WANG
Australia	David POWELL	Chris YAN Xin	Heming HU

QUALIFIED TEAMS - WOMEN

Team	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3
China	DING Ning	LI Xiaoxia	LIU Shiwen
Japan	Kasumi ISHIKAWA	Ai FUKUHARA	Mima ITO
Singapore	FENG Tianwei	YU Mengyu	ZHOU Yihan
Hong Kong	DOO Hoi Kem	LEE Ho Ching	TIE Yana
Korea Republic	JEON Jihee	SUH Hyowon	YANG Haeun
Chinese Taipei	CHENG I-Ching	CHEN Szu-Yu	HUANG Yi-Hua
Netherlands	LI Jiao	LI Jie	Britt EERLAND
Korea DPR	RI Myong Sun	KIM Song I	RI Mi Gyong
Germany	HAN Ying	Petrissa SOLJA	SHAN Xiaona
Austria	LIU Jia	Sofia POLCANOVA	LI Qiangbing
Poland	LI Qian	Katarzyna GRZYBOWSKA-FRANC	Natalia PARTYKA
Romania	Elizabeta SAMARA	Daniela MONTEIRO DODEAN	Bernadette SZOCS
USA	WU Yue	Lily ZHANG	ZHENG Jiaqi
Brazil	Caroline KUMAHARA	GUI Lin	Bruna TAKAHASHI
Australia	Jian Fang LAY	Melissa TAPPER	ZHANG Ziyu
Egypt	Dina MESHREF	Nadeen EL-DAWLATLY	Yousra ABDELRAZEK

Germany's **Dimitrij OVTCHAROV** is the highest ranked non-Chinese player on the ITTF World Ranking, and is considered the biggest threat to the Chinese in Rio.

Ovtcharov has beaten ZHANG Jike the reigning Olympic Champion at the 2014 World Team Table Tennis Championships, and recently at the 2016 ITTF World Tour Qatar Open.



WORLD RANKINGS - MEN'S SINGLES*

WR	PLAYER	NOC
● 1	MA Long	CHN
2	FAN Zhendong	CHN
● 3	XU Xin	CHN
● 4	ZHANG Jike	CHN
● 5	Dimitrij OVTCHAROV	GER
● 6	Jun MIZUTANI	JPN
● 7	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE
● 8	WONG Chun Ting	HKG
● 9	Vladimir SAMSONOV	BLR
● 10	JEOUNG Youngsik	KOR
11	FANG Bo	CHN
● 12	Marcos FREITAS	POR
● 13	JOO Saehyuk	KOR
● 14	Timo BOLL	GER
● 15	LEE Sangsu	KOR
● 16	TANG Peng	HKG
● 17	Tiago APOLONIA	POR
● 18	Simon GAUZY	FRA
● 19	Koki NIWA	JPN
● 20	Andrej GACINA	CRO
● 21	Stefan FEGERL	AUT
● 22	Maharu YOSHIMURA	JPN
● 23	Alexander SHIBAEV	RUS
● 24	Bastian STEGER	GER
25	Kenta MATSUDAIRA	JPN

WR	PLAYER	NOC
● 26	Panagiotis GIONIS	GRE
● 27	Kristian KARLSSON	SWE
● 28	LI Ping	QAT
● 29	Par GERELL	SWE
30	Yuya OSHIMA	JPN
● 31	Jonathan GROTH	DEN
● 32	Emmanuel LEBESSON	FRA
● 33	CHEN Chien-An	TPE
34	Masataka MORIZONO	JPN
● 35	GAO Ning	SIN
36	JANG Woojin	KOR
● 37	Joao MONTEIRO	POR
● 38	Quadri ARUNA	NGR
39	Yuto MURAMATSU	JPN
● 40	Mattias KARLSSON	SWE
● 41	Omar ASSAR	EGY
● 42	HO Kwan Kit	HKG
43	Kaii YOSHIDA	JPN
● 43	KOU Lei	UKR
● 45	LI Ahmet	TUR
46	CHEN Weixing	AUT
● 46	Hugo CALDERANO	BRA
● 48	WANG Zengyi	POL
● 49	Robert GARDOS	AUT
● 49	Liam PITCHFORD	GBR

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WORLD RANKINGS - WOMEN'S SINGLES*

WR	PLAYER	NOC
● 1	LIU Shiwen	CHN
● 2	DING Ning	CHN
3	ZHU Yuling	CHN
● 4	FENG Tianwei	SIN
● 5	LI Xiaoxia	CHN
● 6	Kasumi ISHIKAWA	JPN
● 7	Ai FUKUHARA	JPN
● 8	HAN Ying	GER
● 9	Mima ITO	JPN
10	CHEN Meng	CHN
● 11	JEON Jihee	KOR
● 12	CHENG I-Ching	TPE
13	WU Yang	CHN
14	Miu HIRANO	JPN
● 15	YU Mengyu	SIN
● 16	Petrissa SOLJA	GER
● 17	SUH Hyowon	KOR
● 18	TIE Yana	HKG
● 19	SHAN Xiaona	GER
20	Hitomi SATO	JPN
● 21	LI Jie	NED
22	Hina HAYATA	JPN
● 23	DOO Hoi Kem	HKG
● 24	YANG Haeun	KOR
● 24	HU Melek	TUR

WR	PLAYER	NOC
● 26	LEE Ho Ching	HKG
● 27	LIU Jia	AUT
28	ZENG Jian	SIN
● 29	YU Fu	POR
● 30	Elizabeta SAMARA	ROU
31	Yui HAMAMOTO	JPN
● 32	LI Qian	POL
● 33	LI Jiao	NED
● 34	ZHOU Yihan	SIN
35	Yuka ISHIGAKI	JPN
36	JIANG Huajun	HKG
● 37	RI Myong Sun	PRK
● 38	Polina MIKHAILOVA	RUS
38	Miyu KATO	JPN
40	WEN Jia	CHN
41	CHOI Hyojoo	KOR
42	Misaki MORIZONO	JPN
● 43	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE
44	KIM Kyungah	KOR
● 45	Georgina POTA	HUN
● 46	LI Fen	SWE
47	Misako WAKAMIYA	JPN
48	Honoka HASHIMOTO	JPN
49	Natsumi NAKAHATA	JPN
50	Sabine WINTER	GER

JULY WORLD TEAM RANKINGS

WR	MEN
● 1	China
● 2	Germany
● 3	Korea Republic
● 4	Japan
● 5	Hong Kong
● 6	France
● 7	Portugal
● 8	Chinese Taipei
● 9	Sweden
● 10	Austria
● 11	Poland
12	Russia
● 13	Great Britain
14	Croatia
15	Denmark
16	India
17	Czech Republic
18	Romania
19	Greece
20	Ukraine
21	Spain
22	Serbia
● 23	Nigeria
24	Korea DPR
25	Hungary

WR	WOMEN
● 1	China
● 2	Japan
● 3	Singapore
● 4	Hong Kong
● 5	Korea Republic
● 6	Chinese Taipei
● 7	Netherlands
● 8	Korea DPR
● 9	Germany
● 10	Austria
● 11	Poland
12	Russia
● 13	Romania
14	Ukraine
15	Czech Republic
16	Hungary
17	Spain
18	Thailand
19	Belarus
20	Serbia
21	Slovak Republic
22	Luxembourg
● 23	USA
24	France
25	Croatia



Ai FUKUHARA, Kasumi ISHIKAWA and Sayaka HIRANO claimed the first ever Olympic table tennis medal for **Japan** at the London 2012 Olympic Games where they upset Singapore to finish second in the Women's Team event.

INFINITY

Thoughts beyond *infinity*. Believing possibilities beyond *infinity*.

The development of "*Infinity*" started around the period of "The Great East Japan Earthquake" in 2011.

How could we support the sufferers?

What could we do to the Japanese immigrants who brought table tennis to Brazil, in return for their endeavors?

The new table color "Les Yuxes Blues" of "*Infinity*" is also inspired by life, breath, the Brazilian forest and nature. Wood from Tohoku area, east-northern Japan was also chosen. These two elements came together to form the "*Infinity*" table tennis table that will debut at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.



2015 WORLD CHAMPIONS



MEN'S SINGLES
MA Long (CHN)



WOMEN'S SINGLES
DING Ning (CHN)



MEN'S DOUBLES
ZHANG Jike (CHN) /
XU Xin (CHN)



WOMEN'S DOUBLES
ZHU Yuling (CHN) /
LIU Shiwen (CHN)



MIX DOUBLES
YANG Haeun (KOR) /
XU Xin (CHN)

2016 WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONS



MEN'S TEAM CHAMPION - CHINA

(L-R): ZHANG Jike, MA Long, LIU Guoliang (Coach), XU Xin, FAN Zhendong, FANG Bo



WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPION - CHINA

(L-R): LI Xiaoxia, CHEN Meng, KONG Linghui (Coach), ZHU Yuling, LIU Shiwen, DING Ning

PAST WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CITY	MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION	NOC	WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION	NOC
2015	Suzhou	MA Long	CHN	DING Ning	CHN
2013	Paris	ZHANG Jike	CHN	LI Xiaoxia	CHN
2011	Rotterdam	ZHANG Jike	CHN	DING Ning	CHN
2009	Yokohama	WANG Hao	CHN	ZHANG Yining	CHN
2007	Zagreb	WANG Liqin	CHN	GUO Yue	CHN
2005	Shanghai	WANG Liqin	CHN	ZHANG Yining	CHN
2003	Paris	SCHLAGER Werner	AUT	WANG Nan	CHN
2001	Osaka	WANG Liqin	CHN	WANG Nan	CHN
1999	Eindhoven	LIU Guoliang	CHN	WANG Nan	CHN
1997	Manchester	WALDNER Jan-Ove	SWE	DENG Yaping	CHN
1995	Tianjin	KONG Linghui	CHN	DENG Yaping	CHN
1993	Gothenburg	GATIEN Jean-Philippe	FRA	HYUN Jung Hwa	KOR
1991	Chiba City	PERSSON Jorgen	SWE	DENG Yaping	CHN
1989	Dortmund	WALDNER Jan-Ove	SWE	QIAO Hong	CHN
1987	New Delhi	JIANG Jialiang	CHN	HE Zhili	CHN
1985	Gothenburg	JIANG Jialiang	CHN	CAO Yanhua	CHN
1983	Tokyo	GUO Yuehua	CHN	CAO Yanhua	CHN
1981	Novi Sad	GUO Yuehua	CHN	TONG Ling	CHN
1979	Pyongyang	ONO Seiji	JPN	GE Xinai	CHN
1977	Birmingham	KOHNO Mitsuro	JPN	PAK Yung Sun	PRK
1975	Calcutta	JONYER Istvan	HUN	PAK Yung Sun	PRK
1973	Sarajevo	XI Enting	CHN	HU Yulan	CHN
1971	Nagoya	BENGTSOON Stellan	SWE	LIN Huiqing	CHN
1969	Munich	ITOHI Shigeo	JPN	KOWADA Toshiko	JPN
1967	Stockholm	HASEGAWA Nobuhiko	JPN	MORISAWA Sachiko	JPN
1965	Ljubljana	ZHUANG Zedong	CHN	FUKATSU Naoko	JPN
1963	Prague	ZHUANG Zedong	CHN	MATSUZAKI Kimiyo	JPN
1961	Beijing	ZHUANG Zedong	CHN	QIU Zhonghui	CHN
1959	Dortmund	RONG Guotuan	CHN	MATSUZAKI Kimiyo	JPN
1957	Stockholm	TANAKA Toshiaki	JPN	EGUCHI Fujie	JPN
1956	Tokyo	OGIMURA Ichiro	JPN	OKADA Tomie	JPN
1955	Utrecht	TANAKA Toshiaki	JPN	ROZEANU Angelica	ROU
1954	Wembley	OGIMURA Ichiro	JPN	ROZEANU Angelica	ROU
1953	Bucharest	SIDO Ferenc	HUN	ROZEANU Angelica	ROU
1952	Bombay	SATOH Hiroji	JPN	ROZEANU Angelica	ROU
1951	Vienna	LEACH Johnny	ENG	ROZEANU Angelica	ROU
1950	Budapest	BERGMANN Richard	ENG	ROZEANU Angelica	ROU
1949	Stockholm	LEACH Johnny	ENG	FARKAS Gizella	HUN
1948	Wembley	BERGMANN Richard	ENG	FARKAS Gizella	HUN
1947	Paris	VANA Bohumil	TCH	FARKAS Gizella	HUN
1939	Cairo	BERGMANN Richard	ENG	PRITZI Trude	AUT
1938	Wembley	VANA Bohumil	TCH	AARONS Ruth / PRITZI Trude	USA / AUT
1937	Baden	BERGMANN Richard	AUT	AARONS Ruth	USA
1936	Prague	KOLAR Stanislav	CZE	AARONS Ruth	USA
1935	Wembley	BARNA Victor	HUN	KETTNEROVA Marie	CZE
1934	Paris	BARNA Victor	HUN	KETTNEROVA Marie	CZE
1933	Baden	BARNA Victor	HUN	SIPOS Anna	HUN
1932	Prague	BARNA Victor	HUN	SIPOS Anna	HUN
1931	Budapest	SZABADOS Miklos	HUN	MEDNYANSZKY Maria	HUN
1930	Berlin	BARNA Victor	HUN	MEDNYANSZKY Maria	HUN
1929	Budapest	PERRY Fred	ENG	MEDNYANSZKY Maria	HUN
1928	Stockholm	MECHLOVITS Zoltan	HUN	MEDNYANSZKY Maria	HUN
1926	London	JACOBI Roland	HUN	MEDNYANSZKY Maria	HUN

PAST WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONS

YEAR	LOCATION	MEN'S TEAM CHAMPION	WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPION
2016	Kuala Lumpur	China	China
2014	Tokyo	China	China
2012	Dortmund	China	China
2010	Moscow	China	Singapore
2008	Guangzhou	China	China
2006	Dortmund	China	China
2004	Doha	China	China
2001	Osaka	China	China
2000	Kuala Lumpur	Sweden	China
1997	Manchester	China	China
1995	Tianjin	China	China
1993	Gothenburg	Sweden	China
1991	Chiba City	Sweden	Korea
1989	Dortmund	Sweden	China
1987	New Delhi	China	China
1985	Gothenburg	China	China
1983	Tokyo	China	China
1981	Novi Sad	China	China
1979	Pyongyang	Hungary	China
1977	Birmingham	China	China
1975	Calcutta	China	China
1973	Sarajevo	Sweden	South Korea
1971	Nagoya	China	Japan
1969	Munich	Japan	Soviet Union
1967	Stockholm	Japan	Japan
1965	Ljubljana	China	China
1963	Prague	China	Japan
1961	Beijing	China	Japan
1959	Dortmund	Japan	Japan
1957	Stockholm	Japan	Japan
1956	Tokyo	Japan	Romania
1955	Utrecht	Japan	Romania
1954	Wembley	Japan	Japan
1953	Bucharest	England	Romania
1952	Bombay	Hungary	Japan
1951	Vienna	Czechoslovakia	Romania
1950	Budapest	Czechoslovakia	Romania
1949	Stockholm	Hungary	United States
1948	Wembley	Czechoslovakia	England
1947	Paris	Czechoslovakia	England
1939	Cairo	Czechoslovakia	Germany
1938	Wembley	Hungary	Czechoslovakia
1937	Baden	United States	United States
1936	Prague	Austria	Czechoslovakia
1935	Wembley	Hungary	Czechoslovakia
1933	Paris	Hungary	Germany
1933	Baden	Hungary	X
1932	Prague	Czechoslovakia	X
1931	Budapest	Hungary	X
1930	Berlin	Hungary	X
1929	Budapest	Hungary	X
1928	Stockholm	Hungary	X
1926	London	Hungary	X

PAST OLYMPIC MEDALLISTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Year	Location	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2012	London	ZHANG Jike (CHN)	WANG Hao (CHN)	Dimitrij OVCHAROV (GER)
2008	Beijing	MA Lin (CHN)	WANG Hao (CHN)	WANG Liqin (CHN)
2004	Athens	RYU Seungmin (KOR)	WANG Hao (CHN)	WANG Liqin (CHN)
2000	Sydney	KONG Linghui (CHN)	Jan-Ove WALDNER (SWE)	LIU Guoliang (CHN)
1996	Atlanta	LIU Guoliang (CHN)	WANG Tao (CHN)	Jörg ROSSKOPF (GER)
1992	Barcelona	Jan-Ove WALDNER (SWE)	Jean-Philippe GATIEN (FRA)	KIM Taeksoo (KOR) MA Wenge (CHN)
1988	Seoul	YOO Namkyu (KOR)	KIM Kitaik (KOR)	Erik LINDH (SWE)

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Year	Location	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2012	London	LI Xiaoxia (CHN)	DING Ning (CHN)	FENG Tianwei (SIN)
2008	Beijing	ZHANG Yining (CHN)	WANG Nan (CHN)	GUO Yue (CHN)
2004	Athens	ZHANG Yining (CHN)	KIM Hyang Mi (PRK)	KIM Kyungah (KOR)
2000	Sydney	WANG Nan (CHN)	LI Ju (CHN)	CHEN Jing (TPE)
1996	Atlanta	DENG Yaping (CHN)	CHEN Jing (TPE)	QIAO Hong (CHN)
1992	Barcelona	DENG Yaping (CHN)	QIAO Hong (CHN)	LI Bun Hui (PRK) HYUN Junghwa (KOR)
1988	Seoul	CHEN Jing (CHN)	LI Huifen (CHN)	JIAO Zhimin (CHN)

TEAMS (Started in 2008)

		Men's Team			Women's Team		
Year	Location	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2012	London	China	Korea Republic	Germany	China	Japan	Singapore
2008	Beijing	China	Germany	Korea Republic	China	Singapore	Korea Republic



PAST OLYMPIC MEDALLISTS

MEN'S DOUBLES (Finished in 2004)

Year	Location	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2004	Athens	CHEN Qi (CHN) / MA Lin (CHN)	KO Lai Chak (HKG) / LI Ching (HKG)	Michael MAZE (DEN) / Finn TUGWELL (DEN)
2000	Sydney	WANG Liqin (CHN) / YAN Sen (CHN)	LIU Guoliang (CHN) / KONG Linghui (CHN)	Jean-Philippe GATIEN (FRA) / Patrick CHILA (FRA)
1996	Atlanta	LIU Guoliang (CHN) / YAN Sen (CHN)	LV Lin (CHN) / WANG Tao (CHN)	LEE Chul-Seung (KOR) / YOO Nam-Kyu (KOR)
1992	Barcelona	LV Lin (CHN) / WANG Tao (CHN)	Steffan FETZNER (GER) / Jorg ROSSKOPF (GER)	KANG Hee-Chan (KOR) / LEE Chul-Seung (KOR) KIM Taek-Soo (KOR) / YOO Nam-Kyu (KOR)
1988	Seoul	CHEN Longcan (CHN) / WEI Qingguang (CHN)	Ilja LUPULESKU (YUG) / Zoran PRIMORAC (YUG)	AHN Jae-Hyung (KOR) / YOO Nam-Kyu (KOR)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES (Finished in 2004)

Year	Location	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2004	Athens	WANG Nan (CHN) / ZHANG Yining (CHN)	LEE Eunsi (KOR) / SEOK Eunmi (KOR)	GUO Yue (CHN) / NIU Jianfeng (CHN)
2000	Sydney	LI Ju (CHN) / WANG Nan (CHN)	SUN Jin (CHN) / YANG Ying (CHN)	KIM Mookyo (KOR) / RYU Jihae (KOR)
1996	Atlanta	DENG Yaping (CHN) / QIAO Hong (CHN)	LIU Wei (CHN) / QIAO Yunping (CHN)	PARK Haejung (KOR) / RYU Jihae (KOR)
1992	Barcelona	DENG Yaping (CHN) / QIAO Hong (CHN)	CHEN Zihue (CHN) / GAO Jun (CHN)	LI Bun Hui (PRK) / YU Sun Bok (PRK) HYUN Jung-hwa (KOR) / HONG Chaok (KOR)
1988	Seoul	HYUN Jung-hwa (KOR) / YANG Youngjae (KOR)	CHEN Jing (CHN) / JIAO Zhimin (CHN)	Jasna FAZLIC (YUG) / Gordana PERKUCIN (YUG)

Jan-Ove Waldner (SWE) is considered one of the greatest table tennis players of all time with his achievements throughout his table tennis career.

Waldner is the first player to ever achieve a Grand Slam, and is also the only non-Asian Olympic Table Tennis Champion in history!

GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS

Grand Slam Champions

A table tennis Grand Slam title is earned when a player is crowned Singles Champion at the ITTF World Cup, World Table Tennis Championships and Olympic Games.

Sweden's Jan-Ove Waldner was the first to ever achieve a Grand Slam at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. Waldner is also the only non-Chinese Grand Slam Champion till date.

China's Zhang Yining is the only player to have achieved two Grand Slam titles, winning at 2 Olympic Games (2004, 2008), 2 World Championships (2005, 2009) and 4 Women's World Cups (2001, 2002, 2004, 2005).

Reigning Olympic Champion Zhang Jike was the fastest player to achieve a Grand Slam title, it took him 445 days to claim Gold at the 2011 World Championships, 2011 Men's World Cup and 2012 Olympic Games.

Past Grand Slam Champions

Name	Gender	NOC	Times won		
			Olympics	World Championships	World Cup
Jan-Ove WALDNER	Male	SWE	1 (1992)	2 (1989, 1997)	1 (1990)
DENG Yaping	Female	CHN	2 (1992, 1996)	3 (1991, 1995, 1997)	1 (1996)
LIU Guoliang	Male	CHN	1 (1996)	1 (1999)	1 (1996)
KONG Linghui	Male	CHN	1 (2000)	1 (1995)	1 (1995)
WANG Nan	Female	CHN	1 (2000)	3 (1999, 2001, 2003)	4 (1997, 1998, 2003, 2007)
ZHANG Yining	Female	CHN	2 (2004, 2008)	2 (2005, 2009)	4 (2001, 2002, 2004, 2005)
ZHANG Jike	Male	CHN	1 (2012)	2 (2011, 2013)	2 (2011, 2014)
LI Xiaoxia	Female	CHN	1 (2012)	1 (2013)	1 (2008)

Golden Grand Slam

The Golden Grand Slam is earned when the a player wins the ITTF World Cup, World Table Tennis Championships and the Olympic Games consecutively.

China's Deng Yaping (1996 Olympic Games, 1996 Women's World Cup, 1997 World Championships), Zhang Yining (2004 Olympic Games, 2004 Women's World Cup, 2005 World Championships) and Zhang Jike (2011 World Championships, 2011 Men's World Cup, 2012 Olympic Games) are the current Golden Grand Slam title holders.

Reigning World Champion and Men's World Cup Champion Ma Long will be fighting for his first Grand Slam, and Golden Grand Slam title in Rio at the 2016 Olympic Games.

UPCOMING MAJOR ITTF EVENTS

From	To	Location	Event
Aug 6	Aug 17	Rio de Janeiro / BRA	Olympic Games
Sep 8	Sep 17	Rio de Janeiro / BRA	Paralympic Games
Sep 14	Sep 18	Chengdu / CHN	ITTF World Tour, China Open (Super)
Oct 1	Oct 3	Saarbrücken / GER	LIEBHERR Men's World Cup
Oct 7	Oct 9	Philadelphia / USA	Women's World Cup
Oct 18	Oct 23	Budapest / HUN	ITTF-European Championships
Oct 24	Oct 30	Agadir / MAR	ITTF-African Championships
Dec 15	Dec 18	Doha / QAT	ITTF World Tour Grand Finals

2016 MAJOR TITLE WINNERS

2016 ITTF World Tour (Super)

German Open (Berlin)

Men's Singles	MA Long	CHN
Women's Singles	WU Yang	CHN

Kuwait Open (Kuwait City)

Men's Singles	ZHANG Jike	CHN
Women's Singles	LI Xiaoxia	CHN

Qatar Open (Doha)

Men's Singles	MA Long	CHN
Women's Singles	LIU Shiwen	CHN

Japan Open (Tokyo)

Men's Singles	FAN Zhendong	CHN
Women's Singles	LIU Shiwen	CHN

Korea Open (Incheon)

Men's Singles	XU Xin	CHN
Women's Singles	DING Ning	CHN

2016 ITTF Continental Cups

ITTF-African Cup

(Khartoum / SUD)

Men's Singles	Quadri ARUNA	NGR
Women's Singles	Dina MESHREF	EGY

ITTF-Asian Cup

(Dubai / UAE)

Men's Singles	XU Xin	CHN
Women's Singles	LIU Shiwen	CHN

ITTF-European Cup

(Gondomar / POR)

Men's Singles	Dimitrij OVCHAROV	GER
Women's Singles	SHEN Yanfei	ESP

ITTF-Latin American Cup

(Guatemala City / GUA)

Men's Singles	Hugo CALDERANO	BRA
Women's Singles	Lady RUANO	COL

ITTF-North American Cup

(Burnaby / CAN)

Men's Singles	FENG Yijun	USA
Women's Singles	WU Yue	USA

ITTF-Oceania Cup

(Melbourne / AUS)

Men's Singles	David POWELL	AUS
Women's Singles	Zhenhua DEDERKO	AUS



Participating in her third Olympic Games, **FENG Tianwei (SIN)**, alongside Germany's Dimitrij OVTCHAROV, hold the most number of Olympic medals amongst all Rio 2016 Table Tennis Olympians.

Both have secured 1 Silver & 2 Bronze medals in their collection, can they make a breakthrough in Rio this time for the Gold?

MEDIA INFORMATION

Venue Media Centre (VMC)

Location: The VMC is inside the venue, north of the building.

Best entrance: From the north-west of the venue, a short walk from the media shuttle drop-off point.

Dates:

Olympic Games: 3 August 2016 – 17 August 2016.

Paralympic Games: 7 September 2016 – 17 September 2016.

Opening hours on Olympic Games competition days:

Three hours before competition until four hours after competition.

Opening hours on Paralympic Games competition days:

Two hours before competition until two hours after competition.

Opening hours on non-competition days: 09:00 – 18:00 or one hour before and one hour after each training session, depending on what is longest.

Working spaces – capacity: 100

Lockers: 70

Food options: There is a snack bar at the VMC. There is also a refreshment station with free coffee, tea and water.

Other facilities: Desks with dedicated Info+ terminals, TVs showing the competition, wi-fi, internet cables (order through rate card), power sockets and a media help desk.

Tribune

Location: On the north-west side of the seating bowl.

Tabled seats:

Olympic Games – 72

Paralympic Games – 72

Non-tabled seats:

Olympic Games – 50

Paralympic Games – N/A

Internet: Wi-fi and cabled positions (order through rate card).

MEDIA INFORMATION

Mixed Zone

Location: On the west side of the field of play, just off the athletes' exit.

Internet: Wi-fi.

Photographers' Positions

Designated positions:

Olympic Games – 128

Paralympic Games – 102

Non-tabled seats:

Olympic Games – 50

Paralympic Games – N/A

Other relevant information for photographers:

The venue has prime photo positions, with a limited number of cabled internet and power sockets available (order through rate card). The venue has also a limited facility for remote cameras, subject to approval by the photo manager.

Press Conference Room

Location: The press conference room is combined with the VMC.

Capacity: 100 seats.

Internet: Wi-fi and cabled positions (order through rate card).

Language services:

The press conference room offers consecutive interpretation. To access this service, journalists need to make a request to the venue media manager or the venue language service manager by 17:00 the day before the press conference.

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