



Bulletin





Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure for German Table Tennis Association to welcome you as participants of the LIEBHERR 2012 World Team Championships. We are very proud that the ITTF has received a record number of entries for the event. So far, 122 men's and 95 women's teams have nominated their contingents for Dortmund. This is the largest turnout since the World Championships began in 1926. The previous all-time high was set at Moscow in 2010 where 109 men's and 81 women's teams took part. As it stands at the moment, 146 countries will fight for the 51st world team titles in Dortmund.

We are looking forward to celebrating magnificent and unforgettable moments with all of you. The DTTB and the city of Dortmund with its prestigious venue the Westfalenhallen, are ready to make the 51st edition of the world title tournament a very special and unique event.

We hope to see you in Dortmund

GERMAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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President

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Events

The following Championship events will be played:

Event 1: Men's Team, for the Swaythling Cup (*Holder: China*)

Event 2: Women's Team, for the Marcel Corbillon Cup (*Holder: Singapore*)

Date and Place

The Championships will be held from 25 March to 1 April 2012 at the Westfalenhallen (Halls of Westphalia) in Dortmund.

Visa application deadline

Based on the ITTF Executive Committee decision the organizers identify the visa application deadline. After this date they cannot guarantee that the visa process will be concluded on time for the WTTC. For this reason it is in the vital interests of all participating Associations to submit all necessary information to obtain the invitation letter and to get into contact with their closest Embassy/Consulate before the visa application deadline. Furthermore, delegation members of several associations have to attend visa application interview also within a certain deadline to be sure of getting the visa on time.

Visa application deadline was 1 February 2012

Visa interview deadline was 29 February 2012

A checklist of nationals who need or do not need visas to stay in Germany can be found at:

http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html

Check address and contact details for the nearest Embassy and Consulate for visa applications on this link:

http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/03-WebseitenAV/Uebersicht_node.html

Climate

Germany is located in a transition area between the oceanic influenced western European climate and the continental climate of eastern Europe. The characteristics of the northern parts of the country are, due to its proximity to the sea, more maritime than in southern Germany, where, on the other hand, the temperature differences are larger during the year. The average temperatures range between 20° to 30° C in the summer, and around 0° C in the winter. The average temperature at the end of March in Dortmund is round about 10° C.

Time zone / Daylight saving time

Germany is in the Central European Time Zone. Central European Standard Time (CET) is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1). Please make note that daylight saving time (DST) starts in Germany on Sunday, 25 March at 3:00 a.m. local time which means that clocks have to be set forward by 1 hour.

Currency / Euro

As of January 1st, 2002, the EURO is the legal currency in Germany and the participating countries of the European Monetary Union. Thus currency exchange has become unnecessary when travelling within these countries. The exchange rate from Euro (€) to US dollar (\$) varies. At the moment, (02/2012) 1 US dollar corresponds to app. 0,745 Euro.

City of Dortmund



Football and Beer – these are the two main things Dortmund is known for all over the world. But Dortmund has much more to offer, especially for the city's guests. The nearly 600,000 inhabitants of the city are cosmopolitan. Africans, Asians and Europeans don't just live together in Dortmund. These various cultures contribute to the city's lifestyle and atmosphere. Visiting Dortmund you will find out quickly just how friendly and open-minded people here are. In general, hospitality is a big issue in Dortmund. Therefore the culinary variety leaves no wish unsatisfied.

A simple restaurant with Westphalian meals? A first-class restaurant? A quaint bar? No problem! Whatever you go for, you should test one of the regional beers.

Strolls, shopping, relaxing – everything is possible in Dortmund. Big malls, small boutiques and specialized stores cater for all your needs. Since September 2011, there are more than 150 additional shops in the “Thier-Galerie” close to the central station. Afterwards people can relax in a park, a forest or on a lawn, because nearly half of the city is green. Dortmund even offers a new, big artificial lake on the site of a former steelworks. A tour to see the new attraction is well worth the effort.

Dortmund attracts national attention through the diverse cultural events it has on offer. Concert house, theatre, opera, casino and numerous cabarets – exciting entertainment is guaranteed for every generation. Furthermore, dozens of museums, collections, special expositions and industrial-historical monuments invite you on entertaining journeys through the past.

Football is very strong in Dortmund. Borussia Dortmund is the main club. The BVB 09 is reigning German Champion and won the European Champions League in 1997. The 1st men's team of the table tennis department plays in the 2nd national league. So as you can see, sport in Dortmund does not consist only of football.

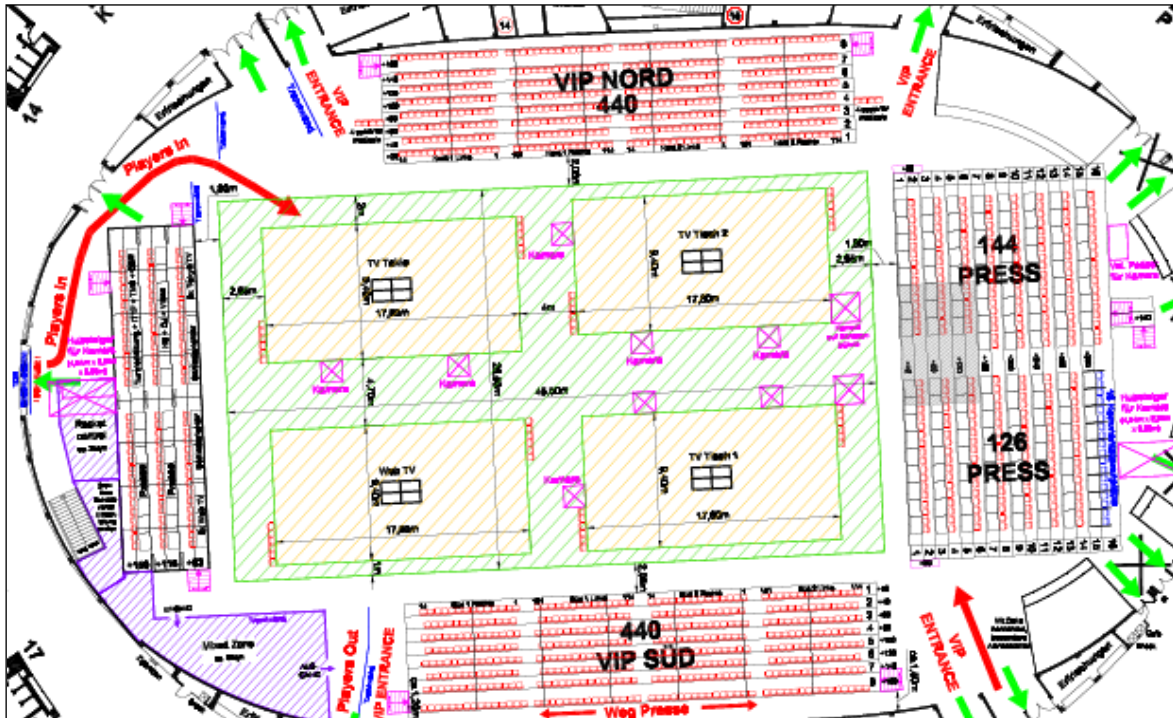
The Olympic training centre ever and anon forms new athletes who appear in the international spotlight. About 140,000 people in 600 clubs, reams of running groups and athletes in trend and extreme sports prove every day how keen Dortmund's population is on sports.

Welcome to Dortmund!

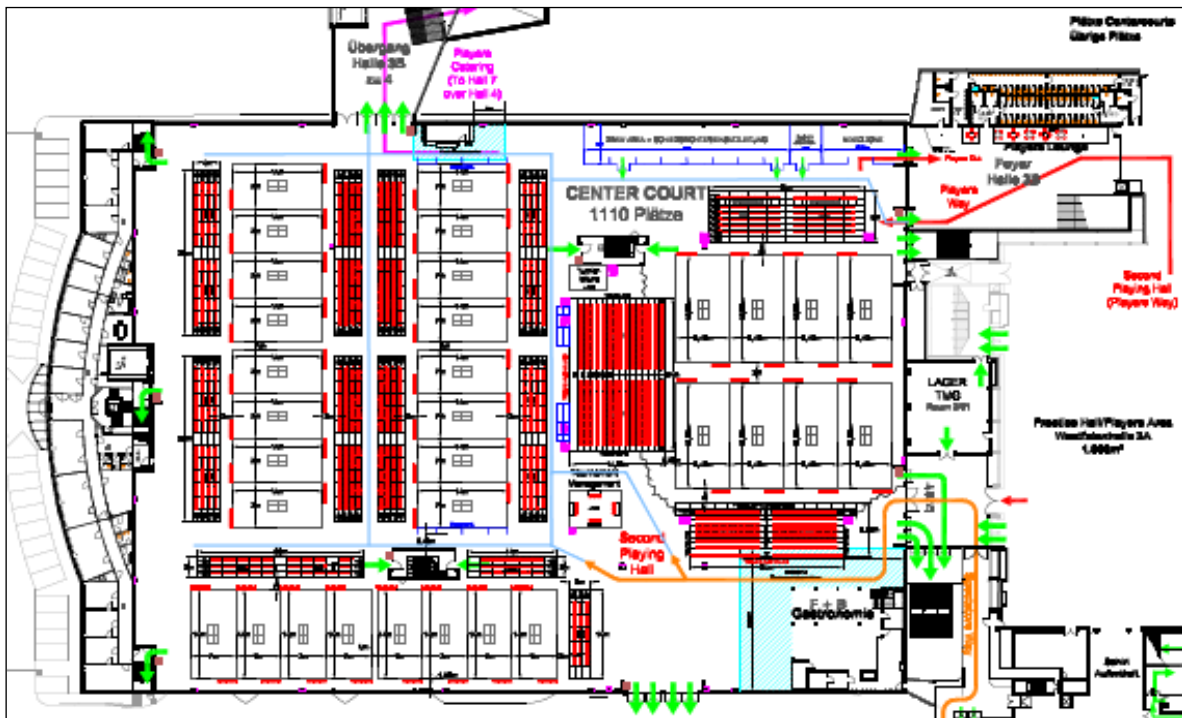


Dortmund – the Metropolitan Region

- 2.1 million inhabitants within a distance of 20 km
- 4.5 million inhabitants within a distance of 40 km
- 8.1 million inhabitants within a distance of 60 km



The main venue during the LIEBHERR 2012 World Team Championships



The second playing hall during the LIEBHERR 2012 World Team Championships

Venue Opening Times/Practice

22 March

Practice hall will be ready for use from 10am to 09pm.

23 March

Practice hall, main venue and second playing hall will be ready for use from 10am to 10pm.

24 March

Practice hall and second playing hall will be ready for use from 09am to 10pm.

Main playing hall will be ready for use from 09am to 09pm.

25 March till 1 April

Entrance to the venue and practice is possible from 08am.

A practice schedule will be provided by ITTF.

Equipment



The picture shows one of the four centre court tables in the Main Playing Hall

The following equipment from Butterfly, Double Happiness, and Gerflor will be used:

Tables, Net and Post: Butterfly (The Earth 2012 and Starker BS-2W)

Ball: Double Happiness *** (White)

Sports flooring: Gerflor (Framboise colour)

All racket coverings must be of a type currently authorized by the ITTF.

Accreditation

The accreditation for delegations starts on 23 March morning in “Saal 8 / Panorama-Forum” at the Congress Centre, located in the venue complex.

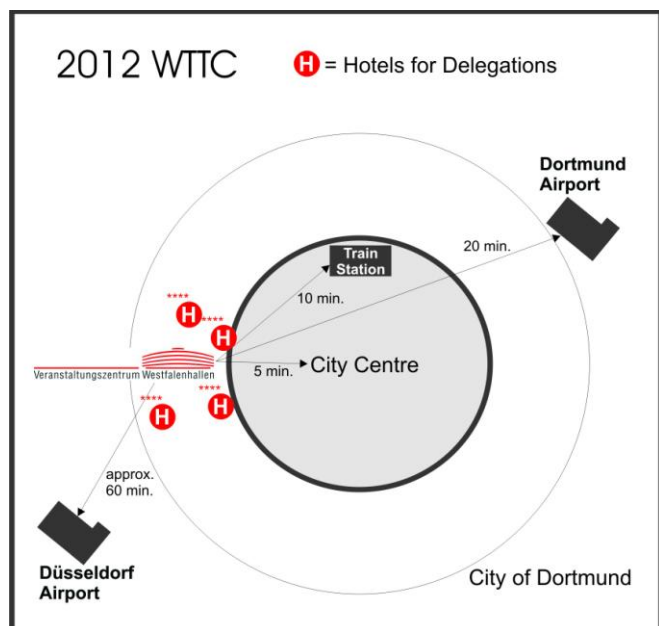
Arrivals by car have to come first to the Accreditation Center (Entrance Congress Centre aside the main entrance, Rheinlanddamm 200, Parking Ground A3/A4)

Distances from the venue / Pick-up service / Hotels

- City Centre – 5 min.
- Train Station: Dortmund Central Station – 10 min.
- Dortmund Airport – 20 min.
- Düsseldorf Airport – 60 min.

There will be pick-up services for delegations from

- Düsseldorf Airport
- Dortmund Airport
- Train Station: Dortmund Central Station



The organizers provide 13 hotels in and around Dortmund for delegations and umpires. Four 4-star hotels are in walking distance, the hotel which is furthest away is the 5-star hotel in Bochum. The way to the venue by shuttle bus takes appr. 25 minutes. Delegations will be informed on their hotel later in due time before the championships.

Jury Meeting

The Jury will meet with the Organizing Committee’s representatives, Referees and Team Managers in Dortmund **at 19:00 h. on 24 March** in the **press conference room** and on subsequent occasions during the Championships, if required. Any Association directly affected by a matter under consideration at a Jury meeting is entitled to be represented at that meeting.

AGM

The AGM will take place **at 9:00 h. on 27 March** in the Goldsaal of the Congress Centre, located in the venue complex.

BOD Meeting

The BOD meeting will take place **at 9:00 h. on 29 March** in the meeting rooms 15 and 16 of the Congress Centre, located in the venue complex.



Mascot

Rackedino is the official mascot of the LIEBHERR 2012 World Championships in Dortmund. His name consists of abbreviations of "racket" and "dinosaur". At national matches, during the World Championships in Rotterdam and the

LIEBHERR World Team Cup Rackedino has already met some of the stars. He is looking forward to welcoming you in Dortmund. Something you do not expect from a dinosaur: Rackedino is a modern creature. At the social network "Facebook" he has already got his own fan site: <http://de-de.facebook.com/rackedino>.



Website / Tickets

The website is available in German and English. In addition to news, statistics, schedule and playing system details, users can order tickets online and obtain information about accommodation, tourism offers and the supporting programme: www.2012wttc.com



SEE YOU SOON IN DORTMUND!

LIEBHERR 2012 World Team Table Tennis Championships

Draw Division 1 - Women

Women-Div 1 Women-Div 2 Women-Div 3 Men-Div 1 Men-Div 2 Men-Div 3

GROUP A	Entry List	GROUP B
1 CHINA	CHINA	1 SINGAPORE
2 ROMANIA	SINGAPORE	2 NETHERLANDS
3 HUNGARY	JAPAN	3 CHINESE TAIPEI
4 BELARUS	HONG KONG	4 TURKEY
5 UKRAINE	KOREA REPUBLIC	5 KOREA DPR
6 USA	GERMANY	6 SWEDEN
	NETHERLANDS	
	ROMANIA	
	HUNGARY	
	CHINESE TAIPEI	
	RUSSIA	
	POLAND	
	SPAIN	
	CZECH REPUBLIC	
	BELARUS	
	TURKEY	
	UKRAINE	
	KOREA DPR	
	AUSTRIA	
	SERBIA	
	FRANCE	
	CROATIA	
	USA	
	SWEDEN	
GROUP C	GROUP D	
1 JAPAN	1 HONG KONG	
2 GERMANY	2 KOREA REPUBLIC	
3 POLAND	3 RUSSIA	
4 SPAIN	4 CZECH REPUBLIC	
5 SERBIA	5 AUSTRIA	
6 FRANCE	6 CROATIA	

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Draw Division 2 - Women

Women-Div 1 Women-Div 2 Women-Div 3 Men-Div 1 Men-Div 2 Men-Div 3

GROUP E	Entry List	GROUP F
1 ITALY	ITALY	1 SLOVAK REPUBLIC
2 ENGLAND	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	2 THAILAND
3 INDIA	LITHUANIA	3 BULGARIA
4 NIGERIA	PORTUGAL	4 GREECE
5 ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	5 MALAYSIA
6 ESTONIA	LUXEMBOURG	6 NEW ZEALAND
	ENGLAND	
	THAILAND	
	INDIA	
	BULGARIA	
	EGYPT	
	SLOVENIA	
	CONGO BRAZZAVILLE	
	BRAZIL	
	GREECE	
	NIGERIA	
	ISRAEL	
	MALAYSIA	
	VENEZUELA	
	COLOMBIA	
	SWITZERLAND	
	DENMARK	
	NEW ZEALAND	
	ESTONIA	
GROUP G	GROUP H	
1 LITHUANIA	1 PORTUGAL	
2 AUSTRALIA	2 LUXEMBOURG	
3 EGYPT	3 SLOVENIA	
4 CONGO BRAZZAVILLE	4 BRAZIL	
5 COLOMBIA	5 VENEZUELA	
6 DENMARK	6 SWITZERLAND	

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Draw Division 3 - Women

Women-Div 1 Women-Div 2 Women-Div 3 Men-Div 1 Men-Div 2 Men-Div 3

GROUP I	
1	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
2	PERU
3	WALES
4	MOLDOVA
5	MACEDONIA
6	MONTENEGRO

GROUP K	
1	CANADA
2	MEXICO
3	IRELAND
4	IRAN
5	ARMENIA
6	MONGOLIA

Entry List	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	
CHILE	
CANADA	
INDONESIA	
MEXICO	
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	
PUERTO RICO	
PERU	
ARGENTINA	
WALES	
IRELAND	
KAZAKHSTAN	
MACAO	
IRAN	
MOLDOVA	
UZBEKISTAN	
MACEDONIA	
FINLAND	
AZERBAIJAN	
ARMENIA	
LATVIA	
MONGOLIA	
SRI LANKA	
MONTENEGRO	

GROUP J	
1	CHILE
2	PUERTO RICO
3	ARGENTINA
4	UZBEKISTAN
5	FINLAND
6	SRI LANKA

GROUP L	
1	INDONESIA
2	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
3	KAZAKHSTAN
4	MACAO
5	AZERBAIJAN
6	LATVIA

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Draw Division 1 - Men

Women-Div 1 Women-Div 2 Women-Div 3 Men-Div 1 Men-Div 2 Men-Div 3

GROUP A	
1	CHINA
2	HONG KONG
3	SWEDEN
4	GREECE
5	KOREA DPR
6	SLOVENIA

GROUP C	
1	KOREA REPUBLIC
2	AUSTRIA
3	FRANCE
4	CHINESE TAIPEI
5	DENMARK
6	HUNGARY

Entry List	
CHINA	
GERMANY	
KOREA REPUBLIC	
JAPAN	
RUSSIA	
AUSTRIA	
HONG KONG	
PORTUGAL	
SINGAPORE	
SWEDEN	
CROATIA	
FRANCE	
CHINESE TAIPEI	
BELARUS	
CZECH REPUBLIC	
GREECE	
KOREA DPR	
SPAIN	
POLAND	
DENMARK	
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	
HUNGARY	
SERBIA	
SLOVENIA	

GROUP B	
1	GERMANY
2	PORTUGAL
3	SINGAPORE
4	CZECH REPUBLIC
5	SPAIN
6	SERBIA

GROUP D	
1	JAPAN
2	RUSSIA
3	CROATIA
4	BELARUS
5	POLAND
6	SLOVAK REPUBLIC

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Draw Division 2 - Men

Women-Div 1 Women-Div 2 Women-Div 3 Men-Div 1 Men-Div 2 Men-Div 3

GROUP E	
1	ROMANIA
2	INDIA
3	NIGERIA
4	CANADA
5	NORWAY
6	FINLAND

GROUP G	
1	UKRAINE
2	BELGIUM
3	TURKEY
4	BULGARIA
5	ISRAEL
6	LUXEMBOURG

Entry List

ROMANIA
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NIGERIA
IRAN
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TURKEY
BULGARIA
CUBA
CANADA
NETHERLANDS
NORWAY
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
VENEZUELA
ISRAEL
AUSTRALIA
LUXEMBOURG
SCOTLAND
FINLAND

GROUP F	
1	BRAZIL
2	ITALY
3	IRAN
4	NETHERLANDS
5	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
6	SCOTLAND

GROUP H	
1	ENGLAND
2	EGYPT
3	ARGENTINA
4	CUBA
5	VENEZUELA
6	AUSTRALIA

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Draw Division 3 - Men

Women-Div 1 Women-Div 2 Women-Div 3 Men-Div 1 Men-Div 2 Men-Div 3

GROUP I	
1	INDONESIA
2	CYPRUS
3	CHILE
4	LATVIA
5	MOLDOVA
6	IRELAND

GROUP K	
1	SAUDI ARABIA
2	CONGO BRAZZAVILLE
3	SWITZERLAND
4	THAILAND
5	COLOMBIA
6	PARAGUAY

Entry List

INDONESIA
USA
SAUDI ARABIA
MEXICO
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
CONGO BRAZZAVILLE
LITHUANIA
CYPRUS
ECUADOR
CHILE
SWITZERLAND
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
THAILAND
LEBANON
LATVIA
QATAR
MOLDOVA
MALAYSIA
ESTONIA
COLOMBIA
SOUTH AFRICA
PARAGUAY
MONTENEGRO
IRELAND

GROUP J	
1	USA
2	LITHUANIA
3	ECUADOR
4	QATAR
5	MALAYSIA
6	MONTENEGRO

GROUP L	
1	MEXICO
2	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
3	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
4	LEBANON
5	ESTONIA
6	SOUTH AFRICA