

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure of inviting your Association to participate in the XXIX Spanish Youth Open Championships (SYOC'06).

Date: the competition will start on Thursday, 11 May, in the morning and will finish on Sunday, 14 May, in the evening.

Venue: Palau d'Esports i Congressos
Plaça d'Europa, s.n.
17250 - PLATJA d'ARO (Girona)

Events: the competition will consist of cadet boys teams, cadet girls teams, cadet boys singles, cadet girls singles, junior boys teams, junior girls teams, junior boys singles (ITTF Junior Circuit), junior girls singles (ITTF Junior Circuit), boys doubles and girls doubles. Further information is provided in the attached prospectus.

Also, we would like to inform you that we are organising a training camp in cooperation with the ITTF: World Junior Elite Camp (Head coach to be appointed by the ITTF).

SCHEDULE:

7 May - arrival and first practice sessions in the afternoon

8 May - morning and afternoon sessions

9 May - morning and afternoon sessions

10 May - morning session only. (The afternoon is free practice for all the participants in the SYOC)

Please refer to the document: "training_camp_syoc_2006" for information on special prices for the training camp.

Those countries interested are requested to make their reservations before 12 April; nevertheless once the places are covered, no more entries for the training camp will be accepted.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Jordi Prat
President Catalan Table Tennis Federation

28th February, 2006.

TABLE TENNIS

XXIX **S**PANISH **Y**OUTH **O**PEN **C**HAMPIONSHIPS 20**06**

Palau d'Esports i Congressos de Platja d'Aro (Girona), 11-14 May 2006

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
ROYAL SPANISH TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
CATALAN TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

XXIX SPANISH YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006

1.- Date and venue

From 11 to 14 May 2006 in Platja d'Aro (Girona), Palau d'Esports i Congressos.
10 May (free practice sessions of the SYOC: from 16:00 on)

2.- Events

Cadet boys teams
Cadet girls teams
Cadet boys singles
Cadet girls singles
Junior boys teams
Junior girls teams
Junior boys singles (ITTF Junior Circuit)
Junior girls singles (ITTF Junior Circuit)
Boys doubles (junior & cadet together)
Girls doubles (junior & cadet together)

Junior players shall be born on or after 1st January 1988.

Cadet players shall be born on or after 1st January 1991.

3.- System of play (new for the team events)

Teams If the total number of teams (JB, JG, CB & CG) is lower than 60 the system will be:

Stage 1. Corbillon Cup format (A-X, B-Y, a doubles, A-Y, B-X) preferably in groups of 3 or 4 teams. Matches will consist of the best of 5 games.

Stage 2. Knock-out system. Matches will consist of the best of 5 games.

If the total number of teams (JB, JG, CB & CG) is 60 or more, the Organising Committee reserves the right to change the system for a straight knock-out system. The decision will be taken by the Tournament Director in agreement with the ITTF Competition Manager (and published through the ITTF website) if the expected number of entries forces us to change it to get a reasonable schedule.

This is in accordance with the ITTF recommendation to reduce the amount of matches for the players involved in the World Junior Circuit Events.

Singles

The top 16 or 8 athletes may* go directly to the knock out stage.

*** To be decided by the ITTF Competition Manager and Tournament Director based on the ranking of the participant players and the total number of entries.**

Junior boys & girls: Stage 1. Robin Round system in groups of minimum 3 players.
(ITTF Junior Circuit) Matches will consist of the best of 5 games.

Stage 2. Knock out system. Matches will consist of the best of 7 games.

Cadet boys & girls: Knock out system. Matches will consist of the best of 5 games.

Doubles

Boys & girls: Knock out system. Matches will consist of the best of 5 games.

4.- Rules

The Championships will be conducted under the regulations of the ITTF and the ETTU.

5.- Equipment

Tables:	ENEBE Pro XXI
Nets:	ENEBE Snap
Balls:	BUTTERFLY *** (white)

6.- Entries

According to ETTU rules for Youth Open Championships: K.4.2. "An Association other than the organising Association may enter 2 boy's teams and 2 girl's teams in each age category (junior and cadet)". K.4.3. "An Association other than the organising Association may enter up to 6 boys and 6 girls in the junior individual events and 6 boys and 6 girls in the cadet individual events; the organising Association may enter up to 10 boys and 10 girls in each age category."

Closing date for submission of documents

Preliminary entry forms	31 March
Nominal entry forms	12 April
Additional information	24 April

All countries are kindly requested to respect these dates for the right functioning of the competition and the preliminary preparations.

Due to the limited number of available tables, the Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse the last or late entries, once the maximum number of entries per event has been reached.

7.- Draw

The draw for team events will be conducted on 10 May (at 12.00 h.), in the Sport Hall. The draw for doubles and singles will be on 11 May (at 16.00 h.) in the Sport Hall.

8.- Umpires / Referees

All matches will be officiated by qualified National or International Umpires. The Referee will be Mr. Federico Lineros, ITTF International Referee with the assistance of Deputy Referees from Spain and abroad.

9.- Trophies and awards

Teams: winners, trophy and gold medal; runners-up trophy and silver medal; other semi-finalists, trophy and bronze medal.

Cadet boys & girls singles and doubles: winners, runners-up and semifinalists, trophy.

Junior boys singles and junior girls singles (ITTF Junior Circuit) will receive:

1 st	600,00 Euros
2 nd	300,00 Euros
3 rd	150,00 Euros
3 rd	150,00 Euros

(Payments in cash)

10.- Hospitality

Apartments for 1, 2, 3 or 4 persons are available. A separate sheet is provided to specify your reservation. We will try to assign the apartments you ask, nevertheless, in case of problems with the capacity of the hotel, we will contact you.

Prices per person for the whole period (from dinner on 10 May till breakfast on 15 May)

Apartment for single use:	392 euros
Apartment for 2 persons:	339 euros
Apartment for 3 persons:	318 euros
Apartment for 4 persons:	297 euros

Due to the reforms made by the new owners of the aparthotel, the prices have been rised. The apartments have been provided with air conditioning (cool and heat), you will also notice the improvements in the bathroom, renewal of furniture and painting.

Payments will be made upon arrival in the aparthotel **in Euros. We will not accept any other currency.**

If you want to pay in advance (by bank transfer), let us know and we will send you the invoice and our account bank details.

11.- Transportation upon arrival

Delegations arriving by plane will be met by the organising committee at the Airport of Barcelona or Girona and taken to the Aparthotel. Delegations coming by car or bus will go directly to the following address:

Aparthotel Comtat Sant Jordi
Carretera de Palamós, s/n
17250 - Platja d'Aro (Girona)
Tel: + 34 972 81 60 61
Fax: + 34 972 81 67 17

12.- Tournament Director

Mr. Josep Maria Casases is the appointed Tournament Director

Mobile: +34.617.29.69.19

Tel: +34.93.280.03.00 Fax: +34.93.280.35.42 e-mail: fctt@fctt.org

13.- ITTF Competition Manager

Mr. Raul Calin is the appointed ITTF Competition Manager

rcalin@ittf.com

Mobile: +34.616.08.11.20

14.- Internet service

You will find the present document, so as any other information on the competition that could be of your interest at the following web sites:

(International Table Tennis Federation) www.ittf.com
 (Catalan Table Tennis Association) www.fctt.org
 (Spanish Table Tennis Association) www.rfetm.com

Once the competition is being celebrated, you will be able to consult results and other news of interest in the mentioned sites.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the numbers indicated below.

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ITTF WJC calendar – 2006:

DATE	EVENT	CITY - ASSOCIATION
24 - 28 JAN	2 ND QATAR JUNIOR OPEN	DOHA, QAT
22 - 26 FEB	SAFIR INTERNATIONAL	ÖREBRO, SWE
21 - 24 MAR	1 ST ALGERIA JUNIOR OPEN	ALGER, ALG
11 - 14 APR	3 RD UAE JUNIOR OPEN	AI-AIN, UAE
11 - 14 MAY	SYOC 2006	PLATJA D'ARO ESP
31 MAY - 4 JUN	POLISH JUNIOR OPEN	CETNIEWO, POL
8 - 11 JUN	CANADIAN JUNIOR OPEN	EDMONTON, CAN
20 - 25 JUN	INDIA WJC	TBD, IND
5 - 8 JUL	WJC AUSTRALIA JUNIOR OPEN	GEELONG, AUS
13 - 16 AUG	2 ND EL SALVADOR JUNIOR OPEN	SAN SALVADOR, ESA
23 - 27 AUG	WJC MADEIRA OPEN	FUNCHAL, POR
31 AUG - 4 SEP	CHINA WJC	TAIYUAN, CHN
14 - 17 SEP	CHILE JUNIOR OPEN	SANTIAGO, CHI
27 OCT - 3 NOV	ITTF WCC & WJC finals	ABU DHABI, UAE

Please note that these dates reflect the actual competition days.

WJE camp dates 2006:

- 16th – 21st February 2006 **ITTF WJE camp in Köping (SWE)**
INFO and ENTRIES: johan.kratz@edu.koping.se
Head coach: Mr. Sören Ahlen
- 18th – 20th March 2006 **ITTF WJE Camp in Tipaza (ALG)**
COORDINATION – Algerian TTA: fatt_dz@caramail.com
Head coach: Mr. Jacques Mommessin, FRA
- 8th – 10th April 2006 **ITTF WJE Camp in Al Ain (UAE)**
COORDINATION – UAE TTA: eldemerdash2@hotmail.com
Head coach: Mr. Massimo Constantini, ITA
- 7th – 10th April 2006 **ITTF WJE Camp in Platja d'Aro (ESP)**
COORDINATION – ESP TTA: fctt@fctt.org
Head coach: TBA
- 5th – 7th June 2006 **ITTF WJE Camp in Edmonton (CAN)**
COORDINATION – Table Tennis Canada: ctta@ctta.ca
Head Coach: TBA
- 17th – 19th June 2006 **ITTF WJE Camp in India**
COORDINATION – Indian TTF: tffi@vsnl.com
Head Coach: TBA
- 2nd - 4th July 2006 **ITTF WJE Camp in Geelong (AUS)**
INFO and ENTRIES: Sue Stevenson: hpm@tabletennis.org.au
Head coach: Mr. Emanuel Christiansson, SWE
- 10th – 12th August 2006 **ITTF WJE Camp in San Salvador (ESA)**
COORDINATION - El Salvador TTA: fesalteme@navegante.com.sv
Head Coach: TBA
- 11th – 13th September 2006 **ITTF WJE Camp in Santiago, (CHI)**
COORDINATION - Chilean TTA: info@fechiteme.cl
Head Coach: TBA

ITTF RANKING PENALTY POLICY FOR NO-SHOWS

PRINCIPLE : When a player does not show up for a competition or for a match he will be penalized by the deduction from his rating of the points he would have lost if he had lost the match in which he did not show up.

This would however affect only on the first non played match scheduled for that player.

Furthermore it should be noted that his opponent in the not played match will not receive any points for this match.

I. Extent of the ranking penalty policy in application from 1st January 2005

- ITTF Pro Tour Tournaments
- World Junior Circuit
- World Title and Olympic Competitions

II. Ranking Penalty Commission

A Ranking Penalty Commission will be in charge of this policy and especially deal with cases under III-2-a and IV-g. The Commission is composed of:

- Executive Director (Co-ordinator)
- Chairman Rules Committee
- Chairman Ranking Committee
- Competition Manager on duty at the event
- 2nd Competition Manager
- Chairman Athletes Commission
- Representative of coaches

III. No-Show at a competition

PENALTY

A player nominated for a competition	
1. Informs the organizers <u>before</u> the draw is made that he will not arrive	No
2. Informs the organizers <u>after</u> the draw is made that he will not arrive	
a) for circumstances beyond his will (flight cancelled, no visa, late cancellation or financial governmental support, serious and verifiable injury or illness (broken leg, appendicitis, ...), decease in close family, ...)	No*
b) for other reasons	YES
3. does not show up without any information to the organizers	YES

The Competition Manager on duty at a competition will report to the Ranking Penalty Commission all cases covered by this regulation which occurred during this competition and, for each case, a course of action he proposes. The Commission will then confirm or invalidate this matter.

IV. A player withdraws during a competition
PENALTY

a) at any stage of an event a player still competing does not play his next match in the same event	YES
b) a player cannot start a match because his racket has been found illegal and he has no spare one	YES
c) a player does not show for a match because of political reasons (See ITTF Handbook 4.1.7)	YES
d) a player entered in more than one event does not show up for a match in one or more of these events (for instance, U-21)	YES
e) a player does not show up for an event because he has been disqualified for the remainder of a competition for his misbehaviour in another event	YES
f) a player does not show up for a match because he has to leave before the end of the competition (Because of commitments to a club or Association, or because the time of his return flight or for any other reason)	YES
g) a player who has to concede in a match because of injury or illness does not show up for the next match that has to be played	No*

V. A pair does not show up for a match in a doubles event

For such cases it is difficult if not impossible to apply a ranking penalty because

- perhaps only one of the players forming a pair is guilty and it would unfair to penalize his partner as well;
- furthermore it seems not logical to penalize a player on his individual ranking points for his behaviour in a doubles event.

VI. Team events

When it concerns only part of the team the regulations above would also apply (For instance when a player cannot play a singles in the team match because the racket was found illegal and he had no other suitable replacement, or when he was disqualified by the referee for the rest of the match). On an occasion when the whole team does not show up or is not allowed to play by the referee because of the colour of their shirts or for any other reason there will be no individual penalty applied to the players.

VII. Bonus Points

The Bonus Points earned by a penalized player will not be affected, except that a player who does not play any match in an event cannot receive Bonus Points for this event.

VIII. Appeals

If a player or his Association do not agree with a decision taken by the Ranking Penalty Commission an appeal may be made to the Executive Committee whose decision will be final.

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PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM

Closing date 31st March

(Name of the Association) _____ will participate in the following events:

PLEASE, USE THE BOXES TO PUT THE NUMBER OF TEAMS, SINGLES AND DOUBLES:

	JUNIOR BOYS	JUNIOR GIRLS	CADET BOYS	CADET GIRLS
TEAMS				
SINGLES				
DOUBLES (in doubles cadets and juniors play together)				

Contact person: _____

Position: _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature of the representative and stamp of the National Association

Date: _____

This entry form must be returned to NO LATER THAN 31 MARCH 2006 TO:

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