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### **WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS OVERVIEW**

City:	Houston, Texas
Venue:	George R. Brown Convention Center
Dates:	23-29 November 2021
Official Partner	TATA Wooden Door
Official Partner	Liebherr
Table Partner	DHS
Ball Partner	Butterfly
Apparel Supplier	Li-Ning
Official Floor	Enlio

The World Table Tennis Championships Finals comes to the Americas for the first time in the event's storied history. It also coincides with the 50th anniversary of Ping Pong diplomacy. All 51 competing Member Associations have named their players for the prestigious event, which features the world's best table tennis players in action at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas.

#### **EVENT FACT SHEET**

- It is the first time since 1939 that the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals will take place outside of Asia or Europe.
- Youngest Women's Singles Champion: Deng Yaping (CHN), 18 years and 90 days old at the 1991 WTTC.
- Youngest Women's Doubles Champion: Deng Yaping (CHN), 16 years and 63 days old at the 1989 WTTC.
- Youngest Men's Singles Champion: Richard Bergmann (AUT), 17 years and 303 days old at the 1937 WTTC.



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- Youngest Men’s Doubles Champion: Kong Linghui (CHN), 21 years and 201 days old at the 1997 WTTC.
- Youngest Mixed Doubles Champion: Guo Yue (CHN), 16 years and 294 days old at the 2005 WTTC.
- Victor Barna (HUN) holds the Men’s Singles record of winning the title five times.
- Angelica Rozeanu (ROU) holds the Women’s Singles record, winning the title six consecutive times (1950-1955).
- Victor Barna and Miklos Szabados (HUN) hold the Men’s Doubles record, winning the title in 6 out of 7 years beginning in 1929. Barna also won in 1933 with Sandor Glancz and again in 1939 with Richard Bergmann.
- Maria Mednyanszky and Anna Sipos (HUN) hold the Women’s Doubles record, winning the title at six consecutive World Championships (1930-1935).
- Maria Mednyanszky partnered with Mechlovits (1926,1928), Szabados (1930,1931,1933) and Kelen (1933) to win the Mixed Doubles World Title a record six times.
- Hungary’s István Jónyer won the last title for Hungary when he took gold in 1975 in Calcutta (IND).
- China’s Xu Xin & Korea Republic’s Yang Haeun won the Mixed Doubles World Title on their first partnership in 2015. They are the first combined associations' mixed doubles pair to be crowned since 1966.
- China has spawned eleven Men’s Singles World Champions. All have been right-handers.
- Only three left-handers have won the World Championship in Men Singles event: Stellan Bengtsson (SWE) in 1971, Seiji Ono (JPN) in 1979 and Jean-Philippe Gatien (FRA) in 1993.

**ENTRY LIST  
MEN’S SINGLES**

<b>CurrentRanking</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>MA</b>
1	FAN Zhendong	CHN
4	Tomokazu HARIMOTO	JPN
5	Hugo CALDERANO	BRA
6	LIN Yun-Ju	TPE
7	LIN Gaoyuan	CHN
9	LIANG Jingkun	CHN
10	Mattias FALCK	SWE
11	Timo BOLL	GER
12	JANG Woojin	KOR
14	Patrick FRANZISKA	GER
15	Liam PITCHFORD	ENG
16	WANG Chuqin	CHN



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17	Quadri ARUNA	NGR
18	Simon GAUZY	FRA
19	Koki NIWA	JPN
20	LEE Sangsu	KOR
21	WONG Chun Ting	HKG
23	Darko JORGIC	SLO
24	Marcos FREITAS	POR
25	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE
27	Robert GARDOS	AUT
28	Kristian KARLSSON	SWE
29	Omar ASSAR	EGY
30	Sharath Kamal ACHANTA	IND
31	Kanak JHA	USA
33	Jonathan GROTH	DEN
34	Tomislav PUCAR	CRO
35	Yang WANG	SVK
36	Ruwen FILUS	GER
37	Sathiyar GNANASEKARAN	IND
38	Gustavo TSUBOI	BRA
39	Emmanuel LEBESSON	FRA
40	Yukiya UDA	JPN
42	Jon PERSSON	SWE
43	AN Jaehyun	KOR
44	Anton KALLBERG	SWE
45	Benedikt DUDA	GER
46	Daniel HABESOHN	AUT
47	Dang QIU	GER
48	Andrej GACINA	CRO
50	Ahmed SALEH	EGY
51	Masataka MORIZONO	JPN
53	Kirill SKACHKOV	RUS
56	Ovidiu IONESCU	ROU
57	Paul DRINKHALL	ENG
58	Tiago APOLONIA	POR
59	Lei KOU	UKR
60	Ibrahima DIAW	SEN
61	Bence MAJOROS	HUN
63	Vitor ISHIY	BRA



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64	Jakub DYJAS	POL
65	Marcelo AGUIRRE	PAR
66	Alvaro ROBLES	ESP
68	Lubomir PISTEJ	SVK
69	Noshad ALAMIYAN	IRI
70	LIM Jonghoon	KOR
72	Harmeet DESAI	IND
73	Cedric NUYTINCK	BEL
74	CHEN Chien-An	TPE
75	Horacio CIFUENTES	ARG
76	Truls MOREGARD	SWE
77	Joao MONTEIRO	POR
78	Benedek OLAH	FIN
79	Marcos MADRID	MEX
81	Alberto MINO	ECU
82	Can AKKUZU	FRA
84	Joao GERALDO	POR
85	Lubomir JANCARIK	CZE
86	Anders LIND	DEN
87	LAM Siu Hang	HKG
88	Marek BADOWSKI	POL
89	Olajide OMOTAYO	NGR
90	Thiago MONTEIRO	BRA
92	Eric JOUTI	BRA
93	Brian AFANADOR	PUR
94	Cristian PLETEA	ROU
96	Frane KOJIC	CRO
97	Samuel WALKER	ENG
98	HO Kwan Kit	HKG
99	Shunsuke TOGAMI	JPN
101	Gaston ALTO	ARG
102	Amalraj ANTHONY	IND
103	Niagol STOYANOV	ITA
105	Florent LAMBIET	BEL
106	Yevhen PRYSHCHEPA	UKR
108	Deni KOZUL	SLO
113	Aleksandar KARAKASEVIC	SRB
114	ZHOU Qihao	CHN



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115	Zokhid KENJAEV	UZB
116	Adam SZUDI	HUN
118	LIAO Cheng-Ting	TPE
119	Khalid ASSAR	EGY
120	Robin DEVOS	BEL
122	Martin ALLEGRO	BEL
124	Mihai BOBOCICA	ITA
128	Hunor SZOCS	ROU
129	Pavel PLATONOV	BLR
132	Nandor ECSEKI	HUN
140	Yaroslav ZHMUDENKO	UKR
141	Tomas POLANSKY	CZE
144	Alexandre CASSIN	FRA
145	Bode ABIODUN	NGR
147	Daniel GONZALEZ	PUR
148	Ioannis SGOUROPOULOS	GRE
149	Sami KHEROUF	ALG
152	Aleksandr KHANIN	BLR
153	Rares SIPOS	ROU
156	Jeremy HAZIN	CAN
160	Juan LAMADRID	CHI
161	PANG Yew En Koen	SGP
163	Leonardo MUTTI	ITA
164	Amir Hossein HODAEI	IRI
166	FENG Yi-Hsin	TPE
167	Tamas LAKATOS	HUN
172	Nikhil KUMAR	USA
176	Kai ZHANG	USA
178	Vladimir SIDORENKO	RUS
183	Padasak TANVIRIYAVECHAKUL	THA
184	HWANG Minha	KOR
253	David SERDAROGLU	AUT

**WOMEN'S SINGLES**

<b>Current Ranking</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>MA</b>
1	CHEN Meng	CHN
2	SUN Yingsha	CHN
3	Mima ITO	JPN

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4	WANG Manyu	CHN
8	CHENG I-Ching	TPE
9	Kasumi ISHIKAWA	JPN
10	WANG Yidi	CHN
11	FENG Tianwei	SGP
12	Miu HIRANO	JPN
13	DOO Hoi Kem	HKG
14	JEON Jihee	KOR
15	CHEN Xingtong	CHN
16	Sofia POLCANOVA	AUT
17	Adriana DIAZ	PUR
18	Hina HAYATA	JPN
19	Petrissa SOLJA	GER
21	Ying HAN	GER
22	SUH Hyowon	KOR
24	Bernadette SZOCS	ROU
26	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE
28	Britt EERLAND	NED
30	Margaryta PESOTSKA	UKR
31	Nina MITTELHAM	GER
32	Elizabeta SAMARA	ROU
33	SOO Wai Yam Minnie	HKG
35	Lily ZHANG	USA
36	Dina MESHREF	EGY
37	Xiaona SHAN	GER
38	Suthasini SAWETTABUT	THA
39	Mo ZHANG	CAN
40	Xia Lian NI	LUX
41	Hana MATELOVA	CZE
42	Saki SHIBATA	JPN
43	Yue WU	USA
47	Bruna TAKAHASHI	BRA
48	Polina MIKHAILOVA	RUS
50	LEE Ho Ching	HKG
52	Georgina POTA	HUN
54	Barbora BALAZOVA	SVK
56	Manika BATRA	IND
58	Yana NOSKOVA	RUS



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59	CHENG Hsien-Tzu	TPE
60	Jieni SHAO	POR
61	LIN Ye	SGP
63	CHOI Hyojoo	KOR
64	Dora MADARASZ	HUN
66	Ganna GAPONOVA	UKR
69	Maria XIAO	ESP
70	Melanie DIAZ	PUR
71	SHIN Yubin	KOR
74	Linda BERGSTROM	SWE
75	Debora VIVARELLI	ITA
77	Paulina VEGA	CHI
79	Sarah DE NUTTE	LUX
81	Galia DVORAK	ESP
82	Natalia PARTYKA	POL
85	Rachel MORET	SUI
86	LIU Hsing-Yin	TPE
87	Orawan PARANANG	THA
88	Yousra HELMY	EGY
89	ZHU Chengzhu	HKG
92	Jia Nan YUAN	FRA
93	Mariia TAILAKOVA	RUS
94	Natalia BAJOR	POL
95	Daria TRIGOLOS	BLR
98	Tin-Tin HO	ENG
99	Sabine WINTER	GER
100	Sutirtha MUKHERJEE	IND
102	Izabela LUPULESKU	SRB
105	LEE Zion	KOR
108	Olga VOROBEOVA	RUS
109	Offiong EDEM	NGR
112	Giorgia PICCOLIN	ITA
113	NG Wing Nam	HKG
118	Daniela ORTEGA	CHI
119	Mateja JEGER	CRO
120	Andrea TODOROVIC	SRB
122	Camila ARGUELLES	ARG
126	Sofia-Xuan ZHANG	ESP



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128	Madhurika PATKAR	IND
129	Audrey ZARIF	FRA
131	Amy WANG	USA
133	Ayhika MUKHERJEE	IND
134	Sabina SURJAN	SRB
135	Ana CODINA	ARG
138	Yadira SILVA	MEX
139	Tatiana KUKULKOVA	SVK
141	Nathalie MARCHETTI	BEL
142	Ozge YILMAZ	TUR
144	Aikaterini TOLIOU	GRE
145	Caroline KUMAHARA	BRA
146	Karoline MISCHEK	AUT
150	Farah ABDEL-AZIZ	EGY
153	Charlotte CAREY	WAL
155	Margo DEGRAEF	BEL
159	Pauline CHASSELIN	FRA
164	Jinnipa SAWETTABUT	THA
165	Adina DIACONU	ROU
166	Katia KESSACI	ALG
167	Anastasiya LAVROVA	KAZ
169	LI Yu-Jhun	TPE
170	Zauresh AKASHEVA	KAZ
173	Christina KALLBERG	SWE
176	Marie MIGOT	FRA
179	Judith MORALES	CHI
181	Ivana MALOBABIC	CRO
183	Leonie HARTBRICH	HUN
184	Daniely RIOS	PUR
185	Sibel ALTINKAYA	TUR
186	Solomiya BRATEYKO	UKR
187	Jamila LAURENTI	ITA
188	WONG Xin Ru	SGP
189	Leila OLIVEIRA	POR
192	GOI Rui Xuan	SGP
196	Mabelyn ENRIQUEZ	GUA
231	Katerina TOMANOVSKA	CZE
252	Andreea DRAGOMAN	ROU



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255	Anna WEGRZYN	POL
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**MEN'S DOUBLES**

<b>MA</b>	<b>Name A</b>	<b>Name B</b>	<b>CurrentRankingPoints</b>
CHN	LIANG Jingkun	LIN Gaoyuan	7
JPN	Yukiya UDA	Shunsuke TOGAMI	9
HUN	Adam SZUDI	Nandor ECSEKI	23
ROU	Alvaro ROBLES	Ovidiu IONESCU	29
POL	Cedric NUYTINCK	Jakub DYJAS	34
TPE	CHEN Chien-An	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	41
KOR	AN Jaehyun	CHO Daeseong	41
GER	Benedikt DUDA	Dang QIU	46
CHN	FAN Zhendong	WANG Chuqin	47
KOR	JANG Woojin	LIM Jonghoon	51
ENG	Paul DRINKHALL	Liam PITCHFORD	57
RUS	Maksim GREBNEV	Lev KATSMAN	58
IND	Sharath Kamal ACHANTA	Sathiyar GNANASEKARAN	60
IRI	Noshad ALAMIYAN	Nima ALAMIAN	77
ARG	Gaston ALTO	Horacio CIFUENTES	87
BEL	Martin ALLEGRO	Florent LAMBIET	93
AUT	Robert GARDOS	Daniel HABESOHN	97
EGY	Ahmed SALEH	Khalid ASSAR	98
FRA	Emmanuel LEBESSON	Alexandre CASSIN	101
HKG	HO Kwan Kit	WONG Chun Ting	111
HKG	LAM Siu Hang	NG Pak Nam	111
GER	Timo BOLL	Patrick FRANZISKA	115
POR	Tiago APOLONIA	Joao MONTEIRO	122
IND	Amalraj ANTHONY	Harmeet DESAI	122
NGR	Bode ABIODUN	Olajide OMOTAYO	128
SWE	Mattias FALCK	Kristian KARLSSON	129
SWE	Anton KALLBERG	Truls MOREGARD	140
SVK	Aleksandar KARAKASEVIC	Lubomir PISTEJ	143
BLR	Aleksandr KHANIN	Pavel PLATONOV	147
BRA	Eric JOUTI	Vitor ISHIY	189
JPN	Tomokazu HARIMOTO	Masataka MORIZONO	191
FIN	Robin DEVOS	Benedek OLAH	192
BRA	Thiago MONTEIRO	Gustavo TSUBOI	206
THA	Ibrahima DIAW	Padasak TANVIRIYAVECHAKUL	232



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ITA	Niagol STOYANOV	Mihai BOBOCICA	270
PUR	Brian AFANADOR	Daniel GONZALEZ	294
TPE	FENG Yi-Hsin	HUANG Yan-Cheng	343
AUT	Alexander CHEN	David SERDAROGLU	361
CHI	Gustavo GOMEZ	Juan LAMADRID	363
ROU	Rares SIPOS	Cristian PLETEA	387
SLO	Deni KOZUL	Darko JORGIC	404
FRA	Simon GAUZY	Can AKKUZU	433
MEX	Marcos MADRID	Ricardo VILLA	438
USA	Nikhil KUMAR	Kai ZHANG	481
CIV	Kanate ALI	Oba Kizito OBA	518
OMA	Muhannad AL BALUSHI	Asad ALRAISI	733

**WOMEN'S DOUBLES**

<b>MA</b>	<b>Name A</b>	<b>Name B</b>	<b>CurrentRankingPoints</b>
KOR	JEON Jihee	SHIN Yubin	5
JPN	Kasumi ISHIKAWA	Miu HIRANO	8
GER	Nina MITTELHAM	Sabine WINTER	25
HKG	DOO Hoi Kem	LEE Ho Ching	27
SWE	Linda BERGSTROM	Christina KALLBERG	33
GER	Petrissa SOLJA	Xiaona SHAN	42
SVK	Hana MATELOVA	Barbora BALAZOVA	48
RUS	Yana NOSKOVA	Olga VOROBEVA	50
EGY	Farah ABDEL-AZIZ	Yousra HELMY	51
IND	Manika BATRA	Archana Girish KAMATH	58
CHN	SUN Yingsha	WANG Manyu	59
TPE	CHENG Hsien-Tzu	LIU Hsing-Yin	67
PUR	Adriana DIAZ	Melanie DIAZ	69
TPE	CHEN Szu-Yu	LI Yu-Jhun	86
NGR	Cecilia AKPAN	Offiong EDEM	88
ENG	Karoline MISCHKEK	Tin-Tin HO	99
FRA	Jia Nan YUAN	Pauline CHASELIN	113
HKG	NGWing Nam	ZHU Chengzhu	117
THA	Orawan PARANANG	Suthasini SAWETTABUT	123
HUN	Georgina POTA	Dora MADARASZ	129
ROU	Sofia POLCANOVA	Bernadette SZOCS	141
SGP	GOI Rui Xuan	WONG Xin Ru	143



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ITA	Giorgia PICCOLIN	Debora VIVARELLI	144
KOR	CHOI Hyojoo	LEE Zion	153
FRA	Marie MIGOT	Audrey ZARIF	167
JPN	Mima ITO	Hina HAYATA	173
LUX	Xia Lian NI	Sarah DE NUTTE	178
USA	Yue WU	Lily ZHANG	182
ROU	Elizabeta SAMARA	Andreea DRAGOMAN	191
POL	Natalia BAJOR	Natalia PARTYKA	223
RUS	Elizabet ABRAAMIAN	Natalia MALININA	246
ESP	Sofia-Xuan ZHANG	Galia DVORAK	251
CHI	Paulina VEGA	Daniela ORTEGA	262
IND	Madhurika PATKAR	Sutirtha MUKHERJEE	270
SRB	Izabela LUPULESKU	Sabina SURJAN	289
CHN	CHEN Meng	QIAN Tianyi	292
ARG	Camila ARGUELLES	Ana CODINA	295
CAN	Joyce XU	Mo ZHANG	321
SVK	Tatiana KUKULKOVA	Natalia GRIGELOVA	352
CRO	Ivana MALOBABIC	Ida JAZBEC	362
BRA	Caroline KUMAHARA	Bruna TAKAHASHI	363
BEL	Margo DEGRAEF	Nathalie MARCHETTI	464
POR	Jieni SHAO	Leila OLIVEIRA	473
TUR	Sibel ALTINKAYA	Ozge YILMAZ	500
NEP	Nabita SHRESTHA	Elina MAHARJAN	791
USA	Joanna SUNG	Rachel SUNG	1053

**MIXED DOUBLES**

<b>MA</b>	<b>Name A</b>	<b>Name B</b>	<b>CurrentRankingPoints</b>
TPE	LIN Yun-Ju	CHENG I-Ching	7
FRA	Emmanuel LEBESSON	Jia Nan YUAN	17
HKG	WONG Chun Ting	DOO Hoi Kem	25
KOR	JANG Woojin	JEON Jihee	25
SVK	Lubomir PISTEJ	Barbora BALAZOVA	33
ROU	Ovidiu IONESCU	Bernadette SZOCS	43
BLR	Aleksandr KHANIN	Daria TRIGOLOS	45
GER	Patrick FRANZISKA	Petrissa SOLJA	47
IND	Sathiyam GNANASEKARAN	Manika BATRA	56



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GER	Dang QIU	Nina MITTELHAM	57
JPN	Tomokazu HARIMOTO	Hina HAYATA	58
EGY	Omar ASSAR	Dina MESHREF	59
HKG	HO Kwan Kit	LEE Ho Ching	67
EGY	Khalid ASSAR	Yousra HELMY	71
CHN	WANG Chuqin	SUN Yingsha	77
ESP	Alvaro ROBLES	Maria XIAO	82
BRA	Vitor ISHIY	Bruna TAKAHASHI	88
SRB	Aleksandar KARAKASEVIC	Izabela LUPULESKU	95
RUS	Kirill SKACHKOV	Olga VOROBEVA	99
HUN	Nandor ECSEKI	Dora MADARASZ	99
KOR	CHO Daeseong	SHIN Yubin	107
IND	Sharath Kamal ACHANTA	Archana Girish KAMATH	120
ITA	Niagol STOYANOV	Giorgia PICCOLIN	141
TPE	CHEN Chien-An	CHEN Szu-Yu	151
THA	Padasak TANVIRIYAVECHAKUL	Suthasini SAWETTABUT	153
POL	Jakub DYJAS	Natalia PARTYKA	159
POR	Tiago APOLONIA	Jieni SHAO	159
PUR	Brian AFANADOR	Adriana DIAZ	171
SGP	PANG Yew En Koen	LIN Ye	178
NGR	Olajide OMOTAYO	Cecilia AKPAN	199
CHN	LIN Gaoyuan	WANG Manyu	208
NGR	Bode ABIODUN	Offiong EDEM	213
SVK	Yang WANG	Tatiana KUKULKOVA	216
POL	Marek BADOWSKI	Natalia BAJOR	227
ARG	Horacio CIFUENTES	Camila ARGUELLES	233
ALG	Sami KHEROUF	KESSACI Katia	234
PUR	Daniel GONZALEZ	Melanie DIAZ	241
MEX	Marcos MADRID	Yadira SILVA	279
CZE	Tomas POLANSKY	Hana MATELOVA	309
CHI	Juan LAMADRID	Paulina VEGA	343
USA	Nikhil KUMAR	Amy WANG	349
SWE	Truls MOREGARD	Christina KALLBERG	351
CAN	Eugene WANG	Mo ZHANG	373
ARG	Gaston ALTO	Ana CODINA	379
USA	Kanak JHA	Lily ZHANG	420
CHI	Gustavo GOMEZ	Daniela ORTEGA	469



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BEL	Florent LAMBIET	Nathalie MARCHETTI	477
TUR	Ibrahim GUNDUZ	Sibel ALTINKAYA	485
RUS	Vladimir SIDORENKO	Mariia TAILAKOVA	505
JPN	Yukiya UDA	Saki SHIBATA	556
CAN	Jeremy HAZIN	Joyce XU	694

**KEY DATES / TIMES**

**23 November 2021**

Session 1, 10:20 - Men's and Women's Singles Round 1  
Session 2, 14:40 - Mixed Doubles Round 1  
Session 3, 18:00 - Men's and Women's Singles Round 1

**24 November 2021**

Session 1, 10:20 - Men's and Women's Doubles Round 1  
Session 2, 15:20 - Men's and Women's Singles Round 2  
Session 3, 18:00 - Men's and Women's Singles Round 2

**25 November 2021**

Session 1, 09:30 - Mixed Doubles Round 2  
Session 2, 11:10 - Men's and Women's Doubles Round 2  
Session 3, 14:10 - Men's and Women's Singles Round 3  
Session 4, 18:10 - Men's and Women's Singles Round 3

**26 November 2021**

Session 1, 11:00 - Men's and Women's Doubles Round of 16  
Session 2, 14:00 - Mixed Doubles Round of 16  
Session 3, 16:00 - Men's and Women's Singles Round of 16

**27 November 2021**

Session 1, 11:00 - Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals  
Session 2, 12:40 - Men's and Women's Doubles Quarter-finals  
Session 3, 16:00 - Men's and Women's Singles Quarter-finals

**28 November 2021**

Session 1, 11:00 - Mixed Doubles Semi-finals  
Session 2, 14:00 - Men's and Women's Doubles Semi-finals  
Session 3, 18:00 - Men's and Women's Singles Semi-finals  
Session 4, 22:00 - Mixed Doubles Final

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### **29 November 2021**

Session 1, 13:00 - Women's Doubles Final  
Followed by - Men's Doubles Final  
Followed by - Award Ceremony (Doubles)

Session 2, 18:00 - Women's Singles Final  
Followed by - Men's Singles Final  
Followed by - Award Ceremony (Singles)

### **EVENT DISCIPLINES**

There are five different disciplines at the World Table Tennis Championships Finals:

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

### **WTTC PLAYING SYSTEM**

#### **1. STRUCTURE**

1.1 There will be five individual events – Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

1.2 All events will be played as a straight knockout.

1.3 The winners of each event shall receive gold medals, the runners-up silver medals and the third-place finishers, bronze medals.

1.4 The first round of Men's Singles and Women's Singles will have 128 places. The first round of Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles will have 64 places.

1.5 Singles events will have 32 seeded players. Doubles events will have 16 seeded pairs.

1.6 All singles matches will be best of 7 games. All doubles matches will be best of 5 games.

#### **2. DRAW**

The draws will take place on Sunday 21 November. Seeded players will be drawn into appropriate positions according to HB 3.6.2.3. All other players/ pairs will then be drawn at random into the remaining 96 positions for singles and 48 positions for doubles.



Players of the same Association shall be separated according to HB 3.6.3.1, only in the first round of the draw but not in further rounds.

The ranking list used for seeding and the draws is the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking published on 16 November 2021 (week 46).

### **DOUBLES/MIXED DOUBLES SEEDING**

Entries in doubles and mixed doubles events will be created by combining each player's ITTF Table Tennis Doubles/Mixed Doubles Individual World to form a combined pair's rank. Players with no ITTF Table Tennis Doubles/Mixed Doubles Individual World Ranking will receive the ranking of the lowest-ranked player, plus 1 point.

Tie-Break procedures to determine the seeding order of the pairs are as follows:

3.1 The pair with the greatest number of points in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.

3.2 The pair with the best-combined rank in the previous ranking week.

3.3 The pair with the most combined number of events over the previous 52-week period.

3.4 The pair with the most combined points in the Men's/Women's Singles ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.

3.5 Randomly sorted by the seeding software.

### **MEN'S SINGLES BIO (WORLD RANKING TOP 10)**

#### **FAN ZHENDONG (CHN)**

WR 1 AGE 24

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

BEST WTTTC RESULT Runner-up (2017)

Affectionately known as "Xiao Pang" to his fans, Fan Zhendong is the Chinese team's latest powerhouse. His 2017 match against Ma Long is considered one of the greatest WTTTC Finals. All eyes will be on the world number 1 this time.

#### **TOMOKAZU HARIMOTO (JPN)**

WR 4 AGE 18

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

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**BEST WTTC RESULT** Quarter-finals (2017)

With unbelievable talent and mind-blowing tenacity, the Japanese star holds the record as the youngest ever World Tour winner at the age of 14. At 18, Harimoto is ready to cement his place amongst the greats.

**HUGO CALDERANO (BRA)**

WR 5 AGE 25

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Round of 16 (2019)

Hailing from Rio de Janeiro, Calderano is the first-ever Pan American player to reach the World Rankings top 5. He is a man of many talents and all-round athlete. He will be looking to add to his international titles after claiming his first in Doha this year.

**LIN YUN-JU (TPE)**

WR 6 AGE 20

PLAYING STYLE Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Second Round (2019)

Known by fans as “The Silent Assassin”, Lin Yun-Ju possesses the zen-like calmness and attention to detail of a player well beyond his years. Lin’s key weapon is his backhand drive that took him to the semi-finals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

**LIANG JINGKUN (CHN)**

WR 9 AGE 25

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Semi-finals (2019)

Liang Jingkun has been a constant face on the international scene, going toe-to-toe with the best in the world. At his last World Championships appearance, he beat Fan Zhendong in the Round of 16 before bowing out to Ma Long in the final four.

**MATTIAS FALCK (SWE)**

WR 10 AGE 30

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTC RESULT** Finals (2019)

Accompanying his father to his first club session, aged seven, Falck quickly fell in love with the sport. He truly announced himself to the world at the 2019 ITTF World Championships, where he became the first Swede to reach the men’s singles final since 1997!

**WOMEN’S SINGLES BIO (WORLD RANKING TOP 10)**

**CHEN MENG (CHN)**

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**WR 1 AGE 27**

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

BEST WTTC RESULT Final (2019)

Crowned World Junior Champion in 2011, Chen has risen rapidly since, cumulating in a Gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Chen's achievements have propelled her to the top of the world rankings. She will be looking to add the championships crown to her title list.

**SUN YINGSHA (CHN)**

WR 2 AGE 21

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

BEST WTTC RESULT Quarter-finals (2019)

With 2017 being her breakthrough year, Sun was crowned World Junior Champion and won the first of several senior World Tour titles. She has since established herself as a major force with a quarter-final finish at the 2019 World Championships.

**MIMA ITO (JPN)**

WR 3 AGE 21

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

BEST WTTC RESULT Quarter-finals (2015)

Mima Ito is the most significant challenger to wrestle the lead in the women's game. She won a bronze medal in the women's team event with her competitive and explosive style, while she clinched gold at Tokyo 2020 in mixed doubles.

**WANG MANYU (CHN)**

WR 4 AGE 22

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

BEST WTTC RESULT Semi-finals (2019)

The coolest of customers, Wang possesses a wide wingspan, making it extra difficult for her opponents to find an open angle. Runner-up at the 2017 World Junior Championships, Wang has since established herself as a vital member of the Chinese national team.

**CHENG I-CHING (TPE)**

WR 8 AGE 29

PLAYING STYLE Right-handed attacking shakehand

BEST WTTC RESULT Round of 16 (2015)

An integral part of establishing Chinese Taipei's presence on the global stage, Cheng cemented her reputation with a bronze medal finish at the 2016 World Team Championships and runner-up at the highly prestigious 2016 Women's World Cup.

**KASUMI ISHIKAWA (JPN)**

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**WR 9 AGE 28**

**PLAYING STYLE** Left-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTTC RESULT** Quarter-finals (2009, 2017)

Born to a table tennis family and the top Japanese women's player for many years, Ishikawa has 10 World Tour women's singles titles to her name as well as silver (London 2012, Tokyo 2020) and bronze (Rio 2016) at the Olympic Games.

**WANG YIDI (CHN)**

**WR 10 AGE 24**

**PLAYING STYLE** Right-handed attacking shakehand

**BEST WTTTC RESULT** Debut

On the cusp of establishing her name among the top players, Wang hopes to convert her talent into silverware. With a slew of Under-21 titles to her name, Wang's transition to the senior stage has merited success with her first World Tour women's singles gold in 2019.