



PLAYING SYSTEM

ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis
Championships Tashkent 2026



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Structure

- 1.1 There will be a total of seven (7) events:
 - (1) Men's Team (MT)
 - (2) Women's Team (WT)
 - (3) Men's Singles (MS)
 - (4) Women's Singles (WS)
 - (5) Men's Doubles (MD)
 - (6) Women's Doubles (WD)
 - (7) Mixed Doubles (XD)
- 1.2 The event will be played in accordance with the ITTF Laws of Table Tennis and the Regulations for International Competitions.

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2.1. Team Events:

Team events will be divided into two divisions.

a. First Division

Based on the number of entries, all teams excluding the top 6 teams from the last Asian Championships will be divided into groups of 3 or 4 teams. In the first stage, all groups play in a round robin system to determine their positions. In the second stage, top two positions of each group play in a single knock-out system to determine the joint top 2 teams that directly enter the Champion Division.

b. Champion Division

Champion Division consists of top 6 teams from the last Asian Championships in 2025 and the top 2 teams from the First Division. Play starts directly in a knock-out system to determine the winner, runner-up, joint 3rd position, joint 5th position and joint 7th position.

Match order in team events is A vs X, B vs Y, C vs Z, A vs Y, B vs X.

All individual matches of a team match shall be played in best of 5 (five) games in all stages.

2.2. Individual Events:

All individual events shall be played in a knock-out system. Matches in Singles events and Doubles events shall be played in best of five (5) games in all stages of the competition.

2.3 The ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Championships 2026 is a qualification event to



the ITTF WTTC 2027.

a. Singles

As the exact number of quotas for the 2027 WTTC has not been announced by ITTF, the exact playing system is not yet confirmed. As soon as the exact number of quotas per sub-event are announced, the playing system shall be updated.

b. Doubles/Mixed Doubles

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Draw Procedures

3.1. Team Events:

- Top 6 teams from the 2026 Asian Championships shall qualify for the Champion Division. Seeding of the teams shall be based on the October ITTF Team Ranking Lists. Teams seeded 1 and 2 shall be placed in position 1 at the top and position 8 at the bottom of a knock-out draw respectively. Teams seeded 3 and 4 shall be drawn randomly to position 4 or position 5.
- Team seeded 5 and 6, and the top 2 teams from the 1st Division shall be drawn randomly to position 2, position 3, position 6 and position 7.
- The draw for Stage 1 of the First Division will be done by the modified snake system.
- Winners and runners-up of all groups will be drawn in the second stage.
- Winner of group 1 shall be placed at the top of the draw. Winner of group 2 shall be placed at the bottom of the draw. Winners of groups 3 and 4 shall be drawn to bottom of the upper half or top of the lower half.
- Winners of other groups shall be drawn randomly to other seeded positions.
- Second placed teams of each group shall be drawn randomly to the opposite half of their group winners, with the number of byes depending on the exact number of groups.

3.2 Individual Events:

- For Singles events, seedings will be based on the Week 42 (12th October 2026) ITTF World Ranking List.
- 1) For Doubles and Mixed Doubles events seeding of entries shall be done by combining each player's Doubles/Mixed Doubles Individual ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking position to form a Combined Rank. Unranked players



shall receive the ranking of the lowest ranked player plus 1. Pairs shall be sorted ascending by their Combined Rank.

Tie-break procedures to determine seeding order shall be as follow:

1. The pair with the greatest number of points in the Doubles Pairs ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
2. The pair with the best Combined Rank considering the previous ranking week.
3. The pair with the most combined number of events over the previous 52-week period.
4. The pair with the most combined number of points in the Men's and Women's Singles ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.
5. Randomly sorted by the seeding software.

References: ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking Regulations and Lists can be found [here](#).

ITTF Regulations

To determine winners of each group, ITTF regulation 3.7.5 on Group Competitions shall apply.