

2012 EC HERNING

PLAYING SYSTEM:

Main event

- The 1st round proper of the men's and women's singles will have not more than 64 places, the men's and women's doubles will have not more than 32 places.
- The 32 highest ranked players will be directly placed in the main draw of 64.
- The 16 highest seeded doubles pairs will be directly placed in the main draw of 32 for doubles.
- All remaining players or doubles pairs will play qualification rounds in groups of at least 4 players in singles and 3 pairs in doubles.

Qualification singles

- From the singles qualification groups, 32 players will qualify for the main event.
- The 16 best qualifiers will be drawn against the players seeded 17-32. The other 16 qualifiers will be drawn against the players seeded 1-16.
- If the number of qualification groups is 16 or less, the winners and runners-up of each group will qualify for the main event. In case of 15 groups or less, the remaining open places in the main event will be filled by randomly drawing „lucky losers“ from those who finished third in the qualification groups. These lucky losers will be drawn against the highest seeded players (in case of 15 groups against number 1 and 2, in case of 14 groups against number 1 up to 4 etc).
- If the number of qualification groups is more than 16 but not more than 32, the winners of the group will qualify for the main event. The players finishing second place numbers 2 will play an extra round to reduce the number of qualifiers to 32 (see annex 1). If two players from the same Association will meet in these matches, the player from the lowest group number will be exchanged with the number 2 from the nearest possible group.
- If the number of qualification groups is more than 32, the winners of the groups with the lowest ranked players will play an extra qualification round to reduce the number of qualifiers to 32 (see annex 2).

Doubles qualification

- From the doubles qualification groups only the winners will be qualified for the main draw.
- In the doubles competition only the winners of the qualification groups will be qualified for the main draw. The 8 best qualifiers will be drawn against the doubles seeded 9-16 and the other 8 against the doubles seeded 1-8.
- If there are 15 groups or less the remaining open places in the main event will be filled by randomly drawing „lucky losers“ from those who finished second in the qualification groups. These lucky losers will be drawn against the highest seeded doubles (in case of 15 groups against number 1 and 2, in case of 14 groups against number 1 up to 4 etc).
- If the number of qualification groups is more than 16 but not more than 32, the winners of the groups from the lowest ranked doubles will play an extra qualification round to reduce the number of qualifiers to 16 (see annex 3). In case this will lead to a match between doubles pairs from the same Association, the doubles pair from the lowest group number will be exchanged with the number 2 from the nearest possible group.

The draw of the qualification groups

- The 16 highest ranked players or pairs playing in the qualification round will be placed on position 1 in the groups 1 to 16 in descending order.
- The other players or pairs will be drawn in order of their ranking position, 4 by 4 according to the snake system.

The draw of the main event

The draw of the main event will be done according to ITTF Regulation 3.6.

Annex 1: extra qualification round in case of more than 16 up to 32 groups
singles. CORRECTION !

Nr. of Groups	Number of Qualifiers		
	Group nr.1 directly qualifying	Group nr.2 directly qualifying	Extra round between nrs. 2 of the groups:
16	All	All	None
17	All	5-17	1-4, 2-3
18	All	9-18	1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5
19	All	13-19	1-12, 2-11, 3-10, 4-9, 5-8, 6-7
20	All	17-20	1-16, 2-15, 3-14, 4-13, 5-12, 6-11, 7-10, 8-9
21	All	21	1-20, 2-19, 3-18, 4-17, 5-16, 6-15, 7-14, 8-13, 9-12, 10-11
22	All	None	10 lucky losers will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
23	All	None	9 lucky losers will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
24	All	None	8 lucky losers will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
25	All	None	7 lucky losers will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
26	All	None	6 lucky losers will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
27	All	None	5 lucky losers will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
28	All	None	4 lucky losers will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
29	All	None	3 lucky losers will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
30	All	None	2 lucky losers will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
31	All	None	1 lucky loser will be drawn randomly from all nrs. 2
32	All	None	None

Annex 2: extra qualification round in case of more than 32 groups singles.

Nr. of Groups	Group nr.1 directly qualifying	Extra round between nrs. 1 of the groups:
33	1-31	32-33
34	1-30	31-34, 32-33
35	1-29	30-35, 31-34, 32-33
36	1-28	29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
37	1-27	28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
38	1-26	27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
39	1-25	26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
40	1-24	25-40, 26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
41	1-23	24-41, 25-40, 26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
42	1-22	23-42, 24-41, 25-40, 26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
43	1-21	22-43, 23-42, 24-41, 25-40, 26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
44	1-20	21-44, 22-43, 23-42, 24-41, 25-40, 26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
45	1-19	20-45, 21-44, 22-43, 23-42, 24-41, 25-40, 26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
46	1-18	19-46, 20-45, 21-44, 22-43, 23-42, 24-41, 25-40, 26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
47	1-17	18-47, 19-46, 20-45, 21-44, 22-43, 23-42, 24-41, 25-40, 26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33
48	1-16	17-48, 18-47, 19-46, 20-45, 21-44, 22-43, 23-42, 24-41, 25-40, 26-39, 27-38, 28-37, 29-36, 30-35, 31-34, 32-33

Annex 3: extra qualification round in case of more than 16 groups doubles.

Nr. of Groups	Group nr.1 directly qualifying	Extra round between nrs. 1 of the groups:
17	1-15	16-17
18	1-14	15-18, 16-17
19	1-13	14-19, 15-18, 16-17
20	1-12	13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
21	1-11	12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
22	1-10	11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
23	1-9	10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
24	1-8	9-24, 10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
25	1-7	8-25, 9-24, 10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
26	1-6	7-26, 8-25, 9-24, 10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
27	1-5	6-27, 7-26, 8-25, 9-24, 10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
28	1-4	5-28, 6-27, 7-26, 8-25, 9-24, 10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
29	1-3	4-29, 5-28, 6-27, 7-26, 8-25, 9-24, 10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
30	1-2	3-30, 4-29, 5-28, 6-27, 7-26, 8-25, 9-24, 10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
31	1	2-31, 3-30, 4-29, 5-28, 6-27, 7-26, 8-25, 9-24, 10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17
32	None	1-32, 2-31, 3-30, 4-29, 5-28, 6-27, 7-26, 8-25, 9-24, 10-23, 11-22, 12-21, 13-20, 14-19, 15-18, 16-17