



## PROSPECTUS

### **1<sup>st</sup> Belgian Open**

**October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

**Sint-Niklaas, Belgium**

**1. AUTHORITY:** the 1<sup>st</sup> Belgian Open will be organized by the Belgian Table Tennis Federation under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation (Para Table Tennis Division).

**2. DATE AND PLACE: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013**

31<sup>st</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November – Singles Event

1<sup>st</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Teams Event

Sporthal de Witte Molen

Azalealaan 29

9100 Sint-Niklaas - BE

**3. EVENTS:** the following events will be played:

Men's singles (class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)

Women's singles (class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)

Men's team (class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)

Women's team (class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)

*Note 1:* depending on the entries, the organisers and the Technical Delegate reserve the right to combine classes as may be necessary.

*Note 2:* the singles events will be played first followed by the team events.

**4. SCHEDULE:**

Early arrivals (for classification): 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Arrivals: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Classification: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Technical meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013 – 21:00 in **Van Der Valk Hotel Beveren**

Competition days: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 - 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Single Events Medal Ceremony: 1<sup>st</sup> November

Team Events Medal Ceremony: 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Departures: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013

Proposed dates for the singles events: 31<sup>st</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November Morning

Proposed dates for the team events: 1<sup>st</sup> November Afternoon - 2<sup>nd</sup> November



5. **RULES:** the event will be conducted in accordance with the current Laws of Table Tennis, the Regulations for International Competitions and specific PTT directives (which may be amended from time to time).

6. **EQUIPMENT:** the following equipment will be used:

Competition Hall: 6 accessible wheelchair tables approved by ITTF (Blue Tibhar Smash 28); 8 tables approved by ITTF (Blue Tibhar Smash 28R)

Training hall: 4 accessible wheelchair tables approved by ITTF (Blue Tibhar Smash 28); 4 tables approved by ITTF (Blue Tibhar Smash 28R)

Nets: Tibhar Rondo  
Balls: 40 mm, Joola\*\*\*, white  
Floor: Wood  
Lighting: 1.100 lux

*Note:* 10 tables will be wheelchair accessible.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to players who are eligible to represent their national association according to the ITTF Handbook 2010-2011.

## 8. OFFICIAL ORGANIZER

Name: Belgian Paralympic Table Tennis Foundation  
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Tournament Chairman: Nico Vergeylen  
Tournament Director: Allegra Roccato

## 9. TECHNICAL DELEGATE FOR THE EVENT

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## 10. REFEREE

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Email: [bisabelle@hotmail.com](mailto:bisabelle@hotmail.com)

### DEPUTY REFEREE

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Email: [egils\\_purins@hotmail.com](mailto:egils_purins@hotmail.com)

## 11. CLASSIFIER

Philippe Thomas and Romana Romanov

## 12. CLASSIFICATION

All new players and players who are to have their classification reviewed should be present in time for classification. This means that all players should arrive by **29<sup>th</sup> October** i.e. the day before the classification is scheduled. Classification will start in the morning of **30<sup>th</sup> October**.

*This is very important as players not present on time may not be classified.*

All players should bring with them their medical diagnosis and any other medical information relevant to their classification. They should report to classification with these documents, dressed as if they are going to play a match and with all their table tennis equipment including sports chairs. All players and support staff are expected to cooperate fully in the classification process.

## 13. PARTICIPATION QUOTAS

A player may only play in the class indicated on his or her international classification card unless, due to the low number of players, his or her class is combined with the next class or classes. Then they may play in the next higher class event.

The minimum entry for a singles class to be played is 4 players.

The maximum number of entries per association per class is 6 plus 2 extra juniors.

The minimum entry for a team event to be played is 4 teams with 2, 3 or 4 players forming a team. A maximum 2 teams per Association may be entered where all players are from the same Association.

Players from different countries may form a team in the team event but if there are 3 players in the same event from the same Association, only the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest ranked player may form a team with a player from another Association.

## 14. ENTRY PROCESS

Only entries submitted by or endorsed by the national association will be accepted (national paralympic committees are advised to contact the national association urgently to confirm this system of entry).

All players must bring with them a valid passport which will be copied for the ITTF database.

The first entry (entry by number) deadline is: **15<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

The second entry (entry by name) deadline is: **10<sup>th</sup> September 2013**



In order to secure full participation, national associations failing to confirm their participation according to deadlines will be removed from the list of participants.

The limit on the number of entries is **180 players**.

## 15. SYSTEM OF PLAY

*Singles events:* the first stage will be played in a round-robin basis in groups of even numbered players but there shall not be less than 3 and not more than 5 players in a group and priority will be given to groups of 4 players. If there are 5 or less players, the event will be played as a round-robin without knock-out. Two players advance from each group to the second stage which will be played in a knock-out format.

*Team events:* the first stage will be played in a round-robin basis with priority given to groups of 3 teams with the winner and runner-up in each group advancing to play in the knock-out rounds. If there are 5 or less teams, the event will be played in a round-robin format without knock-out.

Teams will play as follows: A vs X; B vs Y; Doubles; A vs Y; B vs X

### *General:*

The numbers of groups will be decided by the TD and the referee in cooperation with the organising committee. If the number of groups in an event is decided not to be a multiple of 2 (e.g. 2, 4 or 8 etc.), winners from the groups with the highest ranked seeded players shall have byes in the first round of the second stage, in ranking order.

All matches will be played to the best of 5 games.

Medals will be awarded for gold (1<sup>st</sup>), silver (2<sup>nd</sup>) and bronze (3<sup>rd</sup>) places.

## 16. SEEDING

Seeding for all the events will be done according to the latest ITTF PTT ranking list at the time of the draws.

## 17. TECHNICAL MEETING

The technical meeting will be held on **30<sup>th</sup> October at 21:00** in **Van Der Valk Hotel Beveren**

## 18. DRAWS

The draws will be done for the singles events on 30<sup>th</sup> October and for the team events on 31<sup>st</sup> October in the afternoon.

## 19. PERSONS ON THE BENCH

The following persons on the bench are permitted:

19.1 In singles events, 1 seat for a coach on the playing field (behind the surrounds).

19.2 In the team events 5 seats for one (1) coach and up to 4 players of the team playing the match.



19.3 No other players or personnel may have access to the area behind the surrounds or the playing area. Special provisions and seating areas will be made for medical personnel.

## 20. ENTRY FEES

For PTT events, the entry fees include accommodation and capitation fees. The entry fees have to be paid in Euro to the organisers as set out below:

Entry to be submitted with the first entry = 495,00 € per person (for 4 nights) (2 in a room)  
640,00 € per person (for 4 nights) in a single room  
80,00 € per person per extra night (2 in a room)  
120,00 € per person per extra night in single room

Non-residential fee (no accommodation and no meals included): 200,00 €

All other persons wishing to accompany a team (i.e. who are not members of the team) are subject to special charges and should contact the organisers for further information. These packages are limited and subject to availability of places in the official hotels. Priority will be given to the Official Party of all the delegations.

Payments should be made as follows:

Name : Belgian Paralympic Table Tennis Foundation  
Bank : BNP Paribas  
Iban : BE27001684373573  
BIC/SWIFT : GEBABEBB

All bank charges are for the cost of the party making the payment.

## 21. OFFICIAL HOTELS

### **Van Der Valk Hotel Beveren \*\*\*\***

Gentseweg 280 - 9120 Beveren

Website: <http://www.hotelbeveren.be>

### **Best Western Hotel Serwir \*\*\*\***

Koningin Astridlaan 57 - 9100 Sint-Niklaas

<http://www.serwir.be/en/>

## 22. TRANSPORTATION

The organizers will provide transportation for teams and officials from and to Brussels International Airport Zaventem and Brussels South Airport Charleroi airport or from and to Antwerp railway station.



## 23. OBLIGATIONS

All players entered must compete against any other participating player and by entering, agree to be bound by the ITTF Anti-Doping, Anti-Harassment and Classification policies and procedures during the event. The entry forms contain an undertaking to be signed by a responsible official of the nominating Association and the team member covering these matters and no entry will be accepted unless such an undertaking has been given.

Similarly, it is the responsibility of the association, player or team member to ensure that he or she has adequate medical, travel and other appropriate insurance.

## 24. TELEVISION, MOTION PICTURE AND INTERNET COVERAGE CONDITIONS

By entering the event, all participants agree to abide by all ITTF rules and by the rules and regulations of the organisers. All associations, teams and individual players agree to be abide by the rulings of the ITTF and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video, internet web casting, motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind; and hence accept such coverage during the event. Any participant, when called upon, must appear promptly to press conferences or medal presentations and follow the procedures set by the ITTF and the organisers.

## 25. CANCELLATION POLICY

The policy applies as follows:

- 25.1 cancellations after the first entry but before the second entry: the first entry fee is forfeited.
- 25.2 cancellations after the second entry: the first entry fee plus an additional 30% of the entry fee is forfeited i.e. a total of 60% of the total entry fee.
- 25.3 cancellations within 10 calendar days of the arrival date will be decided by the organisers in consultation with the TD.

This is provided that the player is not able to prove circumstances beyond his or her control e.g. admission to hospital.

## 26. VISAS

Should you need assistance to apply for a visa (e.g. a letter of invitation), please provide the organisers with the following details:

- Full name as in passport
- Function in the team
- Passport number
- Passport expiry date

*Note:* the requirements for visas are not under the control of the ITTF or the organisers but under the Belgian Government's jurisdiction and the association must fulfil all requirements in order to get a visa in time.



## **27. COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Average high temperature expected: 15° Celsius

Average low temperature expected: 6° Celsius

Average rainfall expected: 60cm3

## **28. DOCUMENTS ATTACHED**

Together with this Prospectus, attached are the following documents:

28.1 first entry form:

28.1.1 entry by numbers

28.1.2 first entry fee payment form

28.2 second entry form:

28.2.1 singles and team entry forms by name

28.2.2 second entry payment form

28.2.3 rooming list

28.2.4 tournament indemnity form (to be signed by all participants)

28.2.5 transport form

Otherwise, you can download the documents from the ITTF PTT website,  
<http://www.ipptc.org/calendar/index.htm>.