



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS No. 01 of 15.07.2026

Dear participants,

With this Information, we would like to begin informing you about the steps required to continue preparing for the tournament. In particular, the first four points (A to D) need to be dealt with in the near future – everything else is preliminary information on further aspects that will be finalised over the coming weeks. The second information is scheduled for the second half of August.

A. Classification

1. Aim of classification

The aim of the classification is to give participants the assurance that they have been fairly placed into the tournament categories. In all competitions, opponents or pairs of roughly equal strength should face each other, so that the matches are as balanced, open and exciting as possible.

To this end, a methodology has been chosen that is as practical and straightforward as possible. Where possible, it is based on the participants' playing strength, as determined by their previous table tennis competition results; where this is not possible, it is based on the participants' self-assessments. The methodology must, to some extent, be generalised and deliberately does not account for special cases.

2. Basic classes

All participants are placed into one of three basic classes (1, 2, 3) according to their playing ability. The basic class also determines the order of the seedings for the individual events.

The basic class indicates the lowest tournament class in which a player may compete in the singles, doubles and mixed doubles events. They may be reclassified to a higher class in one or more events – that is, start in a higher class – but not in a lower one.

The basic classes have been introduced so that the doubles and mixed doubles class can be determined by the basic class of the higher-ranked of the two partners.

Otherwise, it would be unfair if a player who actually belongs in Class 3 but wishes to compete in Class 2 in singles were also required to compete in Class 2 in doubles and mixed doubles.

3. Classification into basic classes

Players with TTR rating:

For players who have previously taken part in PPP tournaments and are therefore already listed in the August 2026 andro rankings with a Q-TTR rating (see <https://www.mytischtennis.de/rankings/andro-rangliste>), the process is straightforward: They will be placed in one of the three basic classes based solely on their Q-TTR rating. The cut-off points for the three classes will be determined after the registration deadline.

414 of the 843 players registered so far already have a TTR rating and can therefore be placed in this way. They do not need to take any further action regarding their classification.

Players without TTR rating:

For new players who do not yet have a Q-TTR rating due to a lack of previous PPP competition results, a new procedure has been developed which is based solely on a self-assessment of their table tennis abilities: this involves answering questions about the duration of their table tennis activities, their competition and training experience, as well as their technical skills, which are then evaluated using a standardised method.

All players who do not yet have a TTR rating (i.e. the remaining 429 of those registered so far) must complete this self-assessment questionnaire and will then be assigned to one of the three basic classes. Any player without a TTR rating who does not complete this questionnaire will be placed in Class 1.

The questionnaire has been developed in English using Google Forms, is available online and can be accessed via this link:

<https://forms.gle/Hrze3nc4cDPY9oRz7>.

We would ask you to complete this questionnaire as soon as possible, but no later than the registration deadline on 15 August 2026.

Attached to this information mail is a list of all players registered to date. In the column 'Self-assessment of playing strength required', the entry 'yes' appears for all players who have yet to submit this information. Anyone marked with a "no" does not need to take any further action regarding their classification.

The result of the classification – that is, the allocation to the basic classes – will be communicated to all players after 15 August 2026.

B. Parkinson's certificates

Please submit the certificate by 15 August

Only players who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, as confirmed by a medical certificate, are eligible to take part in the PingPongParkinson World Championship in Hanover. This certificate must be submitted to the organisers in good time before the tournament for verification, in order to ensure equal opportunities for all players.

Most players who have previously taken part in PPP tournaments already have this certificate on file and therefore do not need to submit it again.

However, all new participants are hereby requested to email their certificate, issued by a doctor, to Competition Manager Hilmar Heinrichmeyer (hmeyer@ttvn.de) by the registration deadline on 15 August 2026. It is best if this is sent as a PDF document. It must be issued in Latin characters, although the language used is not important. The certificate must state the date of the initial diagnosis of Parkinson's disease and must explicitly state that the patient has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (a suspicion of Parkinson's disease is not sufficient). Certificates stating that the patient is permitted to take part in table tennis competitions are not acceptable, nor are prescriptions or references to doctor's appointments.

Attached to this information mail is a list of all players registered to date. In the column 'Parkinson's certificate required', the entry 'yes' appears for all players who still need to submit one. Anyone with a 'no' next to their name does not need to take any further action regarding their Parkinson's certificate.

Anyone who is unable to submit their Parkinson's certificate in good time before the tournament, or whose certificate fails to pass a thorough check, will not be permitted to take part in this tournament.

C. Art exhibition

Please submit your entries digitally by 28 July

At the PPP World Championship in Hanover, we also aim to showcase the artistic side of our international community. Through this exhibition of our artwork, we hope to inspire one another and create a space for the exchange of ideas and new collaborations.

All creative World Championship participants are invited to submit their works by 28 July 2026 if they wish to take part in the exhibition. Details of the art exhibition and how to take part can be found in the relevant article on the tournament website at <https://pppwc.org/?p=4379>.

We are very much looking forward to presenting the creative side of our global PingPongParkinson community in Hanover through this exhibition.

D. Free participant's jersey

Please order any missing shirts by 15 August!

As in previous years, every participant will once again receive a free participant's T-shirt as a memento of the World Championship in Hanover. So far, however, only 451 of the 843 registered participants have provided the relevant details regarding the T-shirt (ticking the box for the T-shirt, selecting a size) when registering via the registration platform. Anyone who has not yet done so can still do so by logging in again using their email address and password from the registration confirmation email, then clicking 'Next' and selecting the (free) jersey in the desired size and adding it to their order. Alternatively, missing shirts can also be requested by email by 15 August, specifying the size, to germany2026@pppwc.org.

E. Entry for doubles and mixed doubles

Registrations are only possible from 6 to 16 September

Pairs for doubles and mixed doubles can only be registered online between 6 September 2026 and 16 September 2026, based on the final entries and the decision regarding each player's basic class for the singles. After that, new pairs can only be registered at the partner market during accreditation on Friday, 25 September in Hanover.

A forthcoming circular will inform all players how to find and register doubles and mixed doubles partners. Until then, there is no point in contacting the tournament organisers regarding doubles or mixed doubles, as no emails on this matter will be processed.

F. Accreditation

All players must accredit at the competition venue in Hanover before the tournament begins. Accreditation will be open on Thursday (24 September) from 1.00 pm to 8.00 pm and on Friday (25 September) from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. The exact locations will be specified in future circulars and will also be indicated by signs on site. We will then also provide information on what you need to bear in mind when accrediting.

G. Timetable/Match schedule

A final schedule for the tournament cannot be published until registration has closed. It is highly likely that each player will play their singles preliminary round matches (maximum of five singles matches) on one of the first two days (Saturday and Sunday) and their doubles preliminary round matches (maximum of three doubles matches) on the other. The mixed doubles preliminary round matches (maximum of three matches) are currently scheduled for Monday morning.

The start of the main draw and consolation round matches will depend on the size of the individual competitions. Most final rounds will begin on Monday, whilst smaller competitions may not start until Tuesday. As a large number of new players have registered, the Men's 3 and Women's 3 classes are likely to be very large. It is possible

that the first singles final round matches in these classes may take place as early as Sunday.

Once the division of players into classes and the double entries have been finalised, a more detailed timetable is expected to be published in the second half of September.

H. Lunch

From 25 September to 30 September, lunch will be served daily from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm for participants and accompanying persons at the Akademie des Sports. There will be a choice of one meat dish and one vegetarian dish each day. The Akademie des Sports is located right next to the main hall (Swiss Life Hall) and is also within easy walking distance of the other two sports halls (max. 700 m).

Advance booking of lunch is compulsory. Unfortunately, last-minute bookings during the event are not possible! Bookings can be made via the online tournament registration portal and will be available from 15 August, at the same time as registration for doubles and mixed doubles. Further details will be provided in the next circular!

I. Diner / Chill & Grill / Come Together

Instead of a traditional players' party, this World Championship will feature a daily 'Chill & Grill' event. Once the official competition has finished, the courtyard of the Akademie des Sports invites you to wind down the day's tournament together.

In a relaxed atmosphere, you'll have the chance to chat with other players, their support teams and volunteers, make new contacts and look back on the day together.

Of course, refreshments will be available: food and drinks will be on sale at stalls, so nothing stands in the way of a cosy evening in good company.

J. Merchandising

We would like to point out at this early stage that various PingPongParkinson merchandise items will be available for purchase at the Swiss Life Hall during the tournament. Further details will follow in one of our forthcoming newsletters.

K. Tournament website

A range of useful information about the tournament has already been published on the tournament website at <https://pppwc.org/>, in both German and English. As the tournament draws nearer, the latest news will be posted there more frequently. It will therefore be worth checking the site from time to time.