



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS No. 04 of 14.09.2026

Dear participants,

In this fourth (though not yet final) circular, we would like to inform you about the next steps in the ongoing preparations for the tournament. It is once again divided into two parts. Part A covers all general matters relating to the tournament, whilst Part B deals with the competition itself. Chapters 2 to 5 are particularly important, as they deal with the registrations that all players still need to complete in the coming days – especially the doubles registrations.

The fifth and final circular is due to be published in a week's time, shortly before the tournament, and will then go into more detail about the rules governing the running of the matches.

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A General information

1) Circulars now available to download

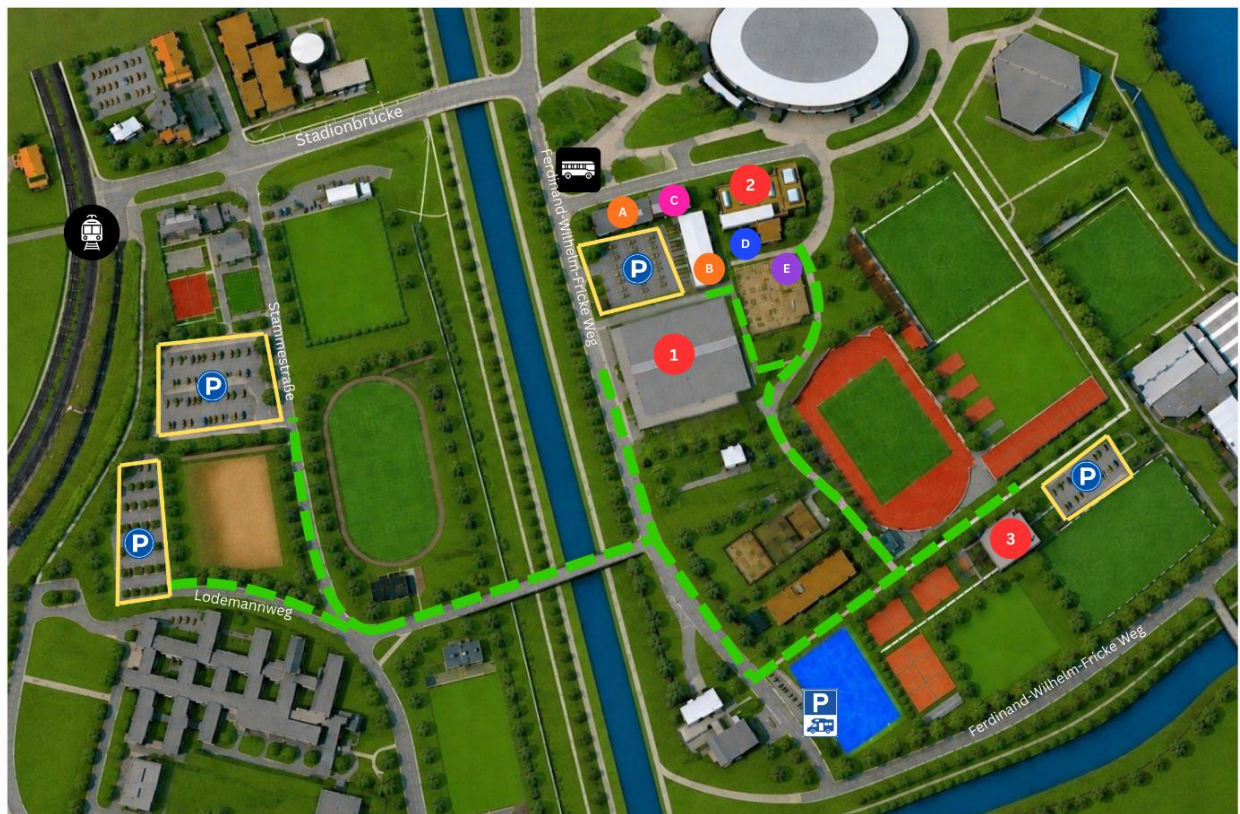
All previous participant information is now also available to download from the tournament website at pppwc.net.

Under 'News', there is a notice regarding the dispatch of each circular. The circular can then be downloaded at the end of the relevant article.

2) Venue and halls

The tournament will take place on the grounds of the Hannover Sports Park, next to the Heinz-van-Heiden-Arena ('Niedersachsenstadion'). Access is via the car park in front of the Akademie des Sports. Matches will be played every day in the SwissLifeHall on 40 tables, in the LSB Hall on the first three days on 18 tables, and in the Hockey Hall on the first two days on 32 tables. Admission to all halls is free for all players and spectators.

This site map shows all the key locations. At the top of the map, you can see the Heinz-van-Heiden-Arena, where second-division football club Hannover 96 plays its home matches.



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| <p>1 Hauptsporthalle „SwissLife Hall“
Main Sports Hall
“SwissLife Hall”</p> <p>2 Sporthalle „Halle 1 LSB“
Sports Hall
“Halle 1 LSB”</p> <p>3 Sporthalle „Hockeyhalle“ mit Kantine
Sports Hall
“Hockeyhalle” with Canteen</p> | <p>A Mittagessenausgabe
Lunch Distribution</p> <p>B Hauptkantine
Main Canteen</p> <p>C Akkreditierung
Accreditation</p> <p>D Chill&Grill
Chill&Grill Area</p> <p>E Kunstausstellung mit Kantine
Art Exhibition with Canteen</p> | <p>P Parkplatz
Car Park</p> <p> Wohnmobilstellplatz
Motorhome Parking (no camping)</p> <p> Fußwege zwischen den Hallen
Walkways between the halls</p> | <p> Straßenbahnstation „Stadionbrücke“
Tram Station “Stadionbrücke”
Linien 3, 7, 17
Lines 3, 7, 17</p> <p> Bushaltestelle „Marie-Luise-Finke Weg“
Bus Stop “Marie-Luise-Finke Weg”
Linien 100, 200
Lines 100, 200</p> |
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3) Accreditation

Accreditation will take place in the foyer of the Academy of Sport. It will be open at the following times:

Thursday, 24 September 2026: 1.00 pm–8.00 pm

Friday, 25 September 2026: 9.00 am–5.00 pm

Please come to the accreditation desk by 4.00 pm on Friday at the latest. This is the latest possible time to register on site.

As the draws for the preliminary round groups will take place on Friday evening and only those whose participation is confirmed will be included in the draw, it must be clear by 5.00 pm on Friday evening who will actually be travelling to the tournament. If you are due to arrive later than 5.00 pm on Friday, please inform the tournament organisers of your delayed arrival **by 5.00 pm on Friday** by calling 0049/511/9819419, so that players arriving late can still be included in the draw.

Please bring a valid form of ID with you when you collect your accreditation.

When you collect your accreditation, you will receive, amongst other things, your personal participant badge. Please ensure you wear this badge in a clearly visible position throughout the event. Amongst other things, it serves as proof of entry and may save you

from having to undergo bag checks. This badge also grants you access to lunch, should you have booked it.

We would like to remind you once again that accompanying persons do not need to be accredited this year and cannot be accredited. Even without accreditation, they have free access to all halls and the playing areas so that they can coach the players if necessary.

4) Start numbers

All 797 players still on the entry list at the time of publication have been allocated a start number (from 101 to 897). This start number is now listed in the tournament system under 'Players, but can also be found in the 'Base classes, competition classes and singles seeding lists' section. They are sorted by participating country (nationality) and, within each country, alphabetically by surname.

Upon accreditation, this start number is also issued as a back number, which must then be worn during all competitions.

The start number also appears on the accreditation card, which serves as an admission ticket/access pass. The accreditation card will also feature a barcode which, during the tournament, allows you to view the results of your own completed matches and the fixtures for upcoming matches on the relevant screen at the scanner stations in the hall simply by holding the card in front of the scanner.

5) Information desk and Lost & Found point

In the Swiss Life Hall, the main sports hall, there will be an information desk dedicated to the World Championships in the left-hand entrance area, near the sponsors' and catering stands. The desk will be staffed continuously during the hall's opening hours. Players, accompanying persons, volunteers and anyone else interested will find someone here at any time to answer their questions.

This information desk will also collect lost property from the halls and the event site, and items can be collected there. On the final day of the event, any lost property not yet collected will be laid out on a large table; this will also be announced again during the medal ceremony.

6) Lunch

From **25 September to 30 September 2026**, lunch will be provided daily **from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm** for participants and accompanying persons.

The canteen is located in the Akademie des Sports, in the immediate vicinity of the main hall (Swiss Life Hall), and is within easy walking distance of the other two sports halls (max. 700 m). Those who have booked and paid for one or more meals will be granted access to the dining hall via their accreditation.

It is no longer possible to book lunches at short notice!

Anyone who has booked their lunch in good time will see on their personal participant card (badge; see accreditation) how many meals of each type they have ordered (and paid for) for each day. The participant card must be shown when collecting meals. A note will then be made on it to confirm that the meal has been collected.

In addition, the canteen is open from 08.30 to 18.00, and there is a 'Chill & Grill' event from 17.00 to 21.30 in the courtyard of the Akademie des Sports.

7) Programme

All players and spectators will find further useful information about the tournament not only in these circulars and on the tournament website, but also in the printed programme. It will be handed out during accreditation. Please read the programme so that you do not have to ask questions that are already answered in it.

8) Photography and video recording

Various media outlets will be covering the PPP World Championships, and PPP video crews and photographers will be present at the venue. By registering, you have agreed that photographs and video footage of you may be taken during the PPP World Championships and that these may be used for reporting purposes by the Lower Saxony Table Tennis Association, PPP International, PPP Germany and the media organisations present at the venue.

Photos of the event will be published during the tournament. These will be available via links for each day on the tournament website, pppwc.net.

The daily video highlights will also be available there; as with the last PPP World Championships, these will be produced by the Croatian film team Pointers.

9) Video broadcasts/streaming

During the competitions, the matches in the main hall will be broadcast by three cameras. One camera will show the two main tables, whilst another will provide an overview of the hall. The broadcast is scheduled to take place on the PingPongParkinson YouTube channel and can be viewed via www.youtube.com/@PiPoParkinson.

The opening ceremony and the prize-giving ceremonies will also be broadcast via livestream.

The livestreams will be produced by the two streaming experts Walter Dörling and Ute Walkenhorst from Baden-Württemberg, who have already made a name for themselves at other table tennis events. There are plans to interview individual participants during the streams. Attached to this circular is a leaflet detailing the live stream service.

In addition, a number of tripods will be available to participants in the halls. These can be used to stream further matches independently. However, the organiser does not have any broadcasting capacity available for this purpose.

10) Training

Apart from the first two days of the competition – Saturday and Sunday – when matches will be played on all 90 tables, there will be ample opportunity for training on the two days preceding the competition and on the last three days of the competition. The Hockey Hall and the LSB Hall, in particular, will be available for this purpose.

The exact training times can be found in the table below:

TAG / DAY	ZEIT / TIME	TRAININGSHALLE / TRAINING VENUE
Donnerstag / Thursday	12:00-20:00	Hockeyhalle
Freitag / Friday	08:30-17:00	Hockeyhalle · Halle 1 LSB
Samstag / Saturday	08:30-10:00	SwissLife Hall · Halle 1 LSB · Hockeyhalle
Sonntag / Sunday	08:30-10:00	SwissLife Hall · Halle 1 LSB · Hockeyhalle
Montag / Monday	08:30-12:00	Hockeyhalle
Dienstag / Tuesday	09:15-14:00	Hockeyhalle · Halle 1 LSB
Mittwoch / Wednesday	09:30-16:00	Halle 1 LSB

11) Website now at <https://pppwc.net/>

Unfortunately, the tournament website at <https://pppwc.org/> had been included on various antivirus programmes' blacklists due to a virus infection – which has since been resolved – meaning that many people were unable to access the site. Thanks to the efforts of Harry Wissler, Head of Technology and Development at PPP, the site has therefore been moved at short notice to a new web address and can now be accessed at <https://pppwc.net/>.

A range of useful information about the tournament has been published there in German and English, including the competition notice, news, an FAQ section and a link to the list of participants. The closer the tournament gets, the more frequently the latest news will appear there. It will therefore be worth checking the site from time to time.

12) Clinical study on coping with the fear of disease progression at the University Hospital of Cologne

Are you familiar with the worries about the progression of Parkinson's disease? In a study conducted by the University Hospital of Cologne (led by Priv.-Doz. Dr Ann-Kristin Folkerts), we are investigating the effectiveness of short-term interventions designed to actively address these fears and improve your quality of life. We are looking for people living with Parkinson's who feel burdened by worries related to their condition.

Participation, which is free of charge and takes place on-site in Cologne, involves three questionnaires and, depending on your group allocation, either four group sessions (progression anxiety group/mindfulness group) or subsequent access to exercise materials with guidance (control group). If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact our study team by email at lisa-marie.nober@uk-koeln.de or by telephone on +49 221 47896248.

B Information on sporting activities

1) Provisional competition timetable

The final timetable for the races cannot be drawn up until after 16 September 2026. By then, the number of entrants in each class should be finalised, so that a precise timetable can be drawn up.

The provisional timetable currently looks as follows:

Mixed doubles

doubles

singles

Saturday	26.09.	10.00 am	Women's doubles 1+2	Preliminary round/groups of 4
Saturday	26.09.	10.00 am	Men's doubles 2	Preliminary round/groups of 4
Saturday	26.09.	11.40 am	Women's doubles 3	Preliminary round/groups of 4
Saturday	26.09.	11.40 am	Men's singles 1+3	Preliminary round/groups of 6
Sunday	27.09.	10.00 am	Men's doubles 1+3	Preliminary round/groups of 4
Sunday	27.09.	11.40 am	Women's singles 2+3	Preliminary round/groups of 6
Sunday	27.09.	1.00 pm	Women's singles 1	Preliminary round/groups of 6
Sunday	27.09.	1.00 pm	Men's singles 2	Preliminary round/groups of 6
Sunday	27.09.	1.00 pm	Men's singles 1	last 64
Sunday	27.09.	1.30 pm	Men's singles 3	last 256
Sunday	27.09.	3.00 pm	Men's singles 3	last 128
Sunday	27.09.	6.30 pm	Men's singles 3	last 64
Monday	28.09.	10.00 am	Mixed doubles 1-3	Preliminary round/groups of 4
Monday	28.09.	1.30 pm	Men's doubles 3	last 128
Monday	28.09.	1.30 pm	Men's doubles 2	last 64
Monday	28.09.	2.00 pm	Men's doubles 3	last 64
Monday	28.09.	3.30 pm	Men's singles 2	last 128
Monday	28.09.	3.30 pm	Women's singles 2	last 64
Monday	28.09.	3.30 pm	Men's singles 1	last 32
Monday	28.09.	4.00 pm	Women's singles 3	last 64
Monday	28.09.	4.30 pm	Men's singles 2	last 64
Monday	28.09.	4.30 pm	Men's singles 3	last 32
Monday	28.09.	5.30 pm	Women's singles 3	last 32
Monday	28.09.	5.30 pm	Women's singles 1+2	last 32
Monday	28.09.	6.00 pm	Men's singles 2	last 32
Monday	28.09.	7.00 pm	Mixed doubles 2+3	last 64
Tuesday	29.09.	10.00 am	Mixed doubles 1-3	last 32
Tuesday	29.09.	10.30 am	Mixed doubles 1-3	last 16
Tuesday	29.09.	0.30 pm	Men's doubles 1+2	last 32
Tuesday	29.09.	1.00 pm	Men's doubles 3	last 32
Tuesday	29.09.	1.30 pm	Women's doubles 2+3	last 32
Tuesday	29.09.	1.30 pm	Men's doubles 1+2	last 16
Tuesday	29.09.	2.00 pm	Men's doubles 3	last 16
Tuesday	29.09.	2.00 pm	Women's doubles 1+2	last 16
Tuesday	29.09.	2.30 pm	Women's doubles 3	last 16
Tuesday	29.09.	2.30 pm	Men's doubles 1+2	last 8
Tuesday	29.09.	3.00 pm	Men's doubles 3	last 8
Tuesday	29.09.	3.00 pm	Men's doubles 1-3	last 8
Tuesday	29.09.	4.00 pm	Men's singles 1-3	last 16
Tuesday	29.09.	4.30 pm	Women's singles 1-3	last 16
Tuesday	29.09.	5.00 pm	Men's singles 1-3	last 8
Tuesday	29.09.	5.30 pm	Women's singles 1-3	last 8
Wednesday	30.09.	10.00 am	Mixed doubles 1-3	last 8
Wednesday	30.09.	10.45 am	Mixed doubles 1-3	Semi finals
Wednesday	30.09.	11.30 am	Men's doubles 1-3	Semi finals

Wednesday	30.09.	11.30 am	Women's doubles 1-3	Semi finals
Wednesday	30.09.	0.15 pm	Men's singles 1-3	Semi finals
Wednesday	30.09.	0.15 pm	Women's singles 1-3	Semi finals
Wednesday	30.09.	1.30 pm	Mixed doubles 1-3	Finals
Wednesday	30.09.	2.15 pm	Men's doubles 1-3	Finals
Wednesday	30.09.	2.15 pm	Women's doubles 1-3	Finals
Wednesday	30.09.	3.00 pm	Men's singles 1-3	Finals
Wednesday	30.09.	3.00 pm	Women's singles 1-3	Finals
Wednesday	30.09.	3.45 pm	Award ceremony	

2) Please submit any upgrades for singles by 16 September

The list of 'Base Classes, Tournament Classes and Singles Seeding' – separated by men's and women's categories – is regularly updated on the tournament website at pppwc.net under 'players'. This list shows each player their base class, the tournament class they are currently scheduled to play in for the singles, and how many points they have in the seedings (the more, the better).

All players with base class 2 or 3 should check whether they wish to play in this base class in the singles or compete in a higher class. In this case, they must notify the competition manager, Hilmar Heinrichmeyer, at hmeyer@ttvn.de by Wednesday 16 September 2026, stating which higher class they wish to play in for the singles. They will then be moved up to the higher class for the singles without their base class or seeding points changing.

Anyone wishing to play in their base class in the singles does not need to notify us. No further changes to the class allocation will be made after 16 September.

3) Please let us know by 16 September if you wish to withdraw from the singles event

Experience has shown that some players do not wish to compete in the singles, but only in the doubles and/or mixed doubles. A few players have already made this clear; any others who do not wish to take part in the singles competition must notify the competition manager, Hilmar Heinrichmeyer, by email at hmeyer@ttvn.de by 16 September 2026.

4) Entries for doubles and mixed doubles will only be accepted until 16 September

Pairs for the doubles and mixed doubles events can still be registered **until 16 September 2026 exclusively via the online entry system** (registration system). After that, new pairs can only be registered via the partner exchange during accreditation on the Thursday and Friday before the tournament begins in Hanover.

Over half of all doubles pairs and over three-quarters of all possible mixed pairs have already been registered. For anyone else who has yet to do so, instructions on how to proceed via the online entry system (through which registration was also carried out) can be found in the 3rd Participants' Information document, in section B 6. A distinction is made between **registering in the system, selecting a partner** and **confirming or rejecting a partner**.

We are aware that the programme initially malfunctioned when determining the tournament class if the two partners were from different base classes. This error has now been fully rectified, meaning that all pairings have now been correctly classified.

If you have any other questions regarding the doubles and mixed doubles, please contact pppwc2026@ttm.co.at exclusively.

5) Please let us know by 16 September if you are withdrawing from the doubles and mixed events!

If any players do not wish to take part in the doubles competition, or if any women do not wish to take part in the mixed doubles competition, please notify the competition manager, Hilmar Heinrichmeyer, by 16 September 2026 by emailing hmeyer@ttvn.de, so that this can be noted accordingly in the registration system. Men who do not wish to play mixed doubles do not need to notify us.

6) Doubles and mixed doubles partner exchange on 24 and 25 September

During accreditation on Thursday and Friday at the Akademie des Sports in Hanover, there will also be a doubles partner exchange. Players who are still without a doubles partner can find out who is looking for one, get in touch with the available players, arrange new pairings and register them.

In theory, this also applies to mixed doubles, but by then all the women will probably already be 'taken'.

The final pairings must then be registered by 5.00 pm on Friday (25 September), as the draw for the preliminary round groups will take place shortly afterwards. Anyone not on the list by then will not be able to play doubles or mixed doubles!

7) Draws for doubles and mixed doubles have now also been published

In each doubles and mixed doubles competition, the seeding order is determined by the sum of the seeding points of both partners.

For the past few days, the doubles and mixed doubles pairings – which have already been confirmed by both players – have been published in order of seeding points on the tournament website at pppwc.net under the 'Players menu item, and are updated regularly.

8) Rules of the game

The most important table tennis rules for matches have been published on the tournament website at <https://pppwc.net/> (under the 'Rules' button). Any deviations from the 'standard' table tennis rules, which apply only to PingPongParkinson tournaments, are highlighted in red.

9) Respect & Fair Play

PingPongParkinson attaches the utmost importance to ensuring that participants treat one another with respect at its tournaments. Fair play amongst participants is more important than winning. Unfortunately, whilst the vast majority of participants have taken this to heart in the past, not everyone has. This has prompted the organisers to draw up rules for respectful behaviour towards one another, in order to emphasise this point once again ahead of this PPP World Championship.

On the tournament website at <https://pppwc.net/>, a new menu item titled 'Respect' now explicitly highlights this aspect.

Given the importance of this issue, players may be removed from the tournament and spectators ejected from the halls in the event of breaches.

Please ensure that it does not come to that!