INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS No. 05 of 21.09.2026

Dear participants,

In this fifth and final newsletter, we'd like to let you know everything else you need to know to prepare for the tournament.

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A General information

1) Parking around the event venue

There is only limited parking available next to the Swiss Life Hall. All available parking areas are marked on the site plan. We recommend travelling by public transport, as there are stops in the immediate vicinity of the event venue. The ‘Stadionbrücke’ tram stop is 600 metres from the Swiss Life Hall. From here, tram lines 3 and 7 run between Altwarmbüchen/Misburg via Hanover Central Station to Wettbergen; line 13 runs between Fasanenkrug and Hemmingen; and line 17 also operates. Trams run every five minutes, providing a service towards the city centre/Central Station or Kröpcke. Alternatively, you can board bus number 200 at the ‘Stadionbrücke’ tram stop and travel one stop to the ‘Marie-Luise-Finke Weg’ stop. From this stop, the walk is reduced to just under 150 metres. As well as the tram, you can also travel by city bus. Bus routes 100 and 200 stop at the ‘Marie-Luise-Finke Weg’ stop every 10 minutes.

2) Access to the Swiss Life Hall

Security staff will carry out bag checks on entry to the Swiss Life Hall. This is a standard requirement under the building’s regulations, which we are unfortunately unable to bypass. Please bear this in mind when planning your journey. We have arranged a separate entrance for players, where bag checks will not be carried out. This is a side entrance, which will be open on the left-hand side of the Swiss Life Hall. Only those who can present accreditation for the World Championships may use this entrance. Accompanying persons should please use the normal route via the main entrance. Please note that neither glass bottles nor dangerous items may be brought into the Swiss Life Hall. Any prohibited items will be confiscated by security staff at the entrance.

Should players require assistance at the entrance, volunteers will be on hand to help them gain entry.

3) Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony will take place on Friday, 25 September, from 6.00 pm to approximately 7.15 pm at the “Swiss-Life Hall” main sports hall – Ferdinand-Wilhelm-Fricke-Weg 8, 30169 Hanover. The programme will be hosted by the well-known television presenter and sports official Norbert König. You can look forward to a varied programme

featuring high-profile guests: alongside Dr Andreas Philippi (Lower Saxony's Minister for Social Affairs, Labour, Health and Equality), Belit Onay (Lord Mayor of the State Capital of Hanover) and Reinhard Rawe (Chairman of the Lower Saxony State Sports Federation), you can expect an impressive dance show (modern dance) by TKW Nienburg. Nenad Bach, musician and founder of the PingPongParkinson movement, will also provide musical accompaniment for the event.

To ensure a smooth and speedy entry process, the doors to the seating area will open from 5.00 pm. Due to mandatory security checks, we ask all players to use the side entrance (Akademie des Sports car park) with their accreditation. All other support staff, visitors, etc. should please use the main entrance.

To ensure there is sufficient space for all participants, we kindly ask that you avoid bringing bags where possible. If you do bring a bag, please ensure it is no larger than A4 size. Larger sports bags cannot be taken into the seating area during the opening ceremony and must be left in the unattended corridor area.

We look forward to a festive opening and a great start to the event together!

Following the ceremony, there will be a 'Chill & Grill' in the courtyard of the Akademie des Sports.

4) Payment in the canteens and at the Chill & Grill

In the main canteen, the canteen by the art exhibition, the canteen by the hockey hall, as well as at all stalls in the Chill & Grill area and at the PPP Shop, payment is by value chips only. Cash or card payments are not accepted at these stalls!

The tokens can be purchased on Thursday and Friday at the accreditation desk and, from Saturday onwards, at the stall next to the main canteen.

The tokens can only be purchased with cash!

It is best to have the exact change ready. The tokens can also be exchanged back for cash at any time.

All players who have already purchased tokens in advance will receive them at the accreditation desk.

Inside the Swiss Life Hall itself, an external catering company will be providing food and drink at one of the stalls near the entrance area. The value tokens are not valid here!

5) Emergency medical care

During the tournament, paramedics from the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund and the Johanniter will be on hand every day to provide assistance in emergencies or to call an emergency doctor. The emergency number in Germany is 112 and can be dialled for all emergencies, even without a mobile signal!

6) Awards Ceremonies

The awards ceremonies for the **main rounds** will take place for all categories on Wednesday from around 3.45 pm at the Swiss Life Hall.

Those to be honoured are asked to be ready as follows:

Participants in all final matches and the players who were defeated in their respective semi-finals (1st and 2nd places, as well as two 3rd places)

IMPORTANT! We ask all prize-winners to wear sportswear at the prize-giving ceremony!

For non-German-speaking participants, the awards ceremony will be interpreted live into English by interpreters.

The **consolation round** awards ceremonies for the participants in all 15 consolation round finals will take place on Sunday immediately after the respective final in the box corresponding to that final. There will be no ceremony for players who were eliminated in the semi-finals of the consolation rounds.

7) Two workshops organised by Britannia

PingPongParkinson is pleased to share an invitation from Britannia Pharmaceuticals.

During the PingPongParkinson World Championship in Hanover, Britannia will host small, discussion based workshops for people with Parkinson's using device aided therapies (DATs) and for their family members, care partners and close supporters.

Living with Device-Aided Therapies in Parkinson's will explore real-life experiences of DAT, the decision to start a device, and what information and support people and their supporters need.

When and where?

Session 1: People with Parkinson's	Monday 28.09.	18:00 – 19:30
Session 2: Care partners / family & friends	Tuesday 29.09.	18:00 – 19:30

The venue will be within close distance of the tournament and pickup can be arranged for attendees.

Participants should be 18+, using or supporting DAT, and able to communicate in English. Compensation will be offered to participants in exchange for their time.

Interested in taking part or finding out more? contact: medicalaffairs@britannia-pharm.com.

B Information on sporting activities

1) Number of participants

As things stand, 776 players will be taking part in the PPP World Championships in Hanover. All have paid the entry fee and all have submitted proof of their Parkinson's diagnosis, thereby meeting the eligibility criteria.

A further 159 players had also registered during the six-month registration period, but have since decided not to compete in Hanover for various reasons. In total, therefore, 935 players have expressed an interest in this World Championship.

578 men and 198 women are expected to take part. All the men also wish to play in the singles, so the three singles competitions will be organised as follows: Men's 1: 86, Men's 2: 194, Men's 3: 298 entrants.

Three of the 198 women do not wish to play in the singles. Consequently, the three women's singles competitions are made up as follows: Women's 1: 34, Women's 2: 68, Women's 3: 93.

Overall, this means that Divisions 2 and, in particular, 3 are huge compared to all previous World Championships. A correspondingly large number of rounds – and therefore matches – will have to be played before the champions are decided.

You can find out who is playing in which division by checking the seedings on the tournament website under 'Players'. The order in which the players are listed there is also the order of the seedings, which determines the draw for the preliminary round groups.

2) Competition Timetable

The (almost) final timetable for the games has now been drawn up, as the number of entrants in the individual categories is almost final so close to the start of the tournament, and it is also clear how many doubles and mixed pairs will be competing in each category. It has also now been possible to allocate the individual categories and their rounds to the three halls. The timetable is now as follows:

Schedule for PPP WC 2026 in Hanover

As of 20.09.2026

day	WD	date	start	end	Men 1	Men 2	Men 3	Women 1	Women 2	Women 3	competition	modus of play/round
1	Sa	26.09.	**10:00**	11:15		SLH+HH			LSB	SLH	Doubles-Preliminary round	Groups of 4
			11:40	15:10				SLH			Doubles-Preliminary round	Groups of 4
			11:40	16:00	SLH						Singles-Preliminary round	Groups of 6
			11:40	**18:55**			LSB+HH				Singles-Preliminary round	Groups of 6
			12:55	13:55	x	-	x	x	-	-	Break	
2	Su	27.09.	**10:00**	11:15	LSB+HH		SLH+HH				Doubles-Preliminary round	Groups of 4
			11:40	18:55		SLH		SLH	HH	HH	Singles-Preliminary round	Groups of 6
			12:00	13:00	LSB						Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 64
			12:55	13:55	-	x	-	x	x	x	Break	
			13:00	14:30			LSB				Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 256
			14:00	18:00			LSB				Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 128
			17:30	**20:00**			LSB				Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 64
3	Mo	28.09.	**10:00**	12:30	SLH	SLH	LSB	SLH	SLH	LSB	Mixed-Preliminary round	Groups of 4
			12:30	13:30							Break	
			13:30	14:30		SLH					Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 64
			14:00	15:00			SLH				Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 64
			15:00	15:30							Break	
			15:30	16:00					LSB		Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 64
			15:30	16:30		SLH					Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 128
			15:30	16:30	LSB						Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			16:00	17:00						SLH	Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 64
			16:30	17:30		SLH					Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 64
			16:30	17:30			LSB				Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			17:00	17:30				LSB			Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			17:00	18:30					LSB		Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			17:30	18:00						SLH	Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			17:30	18:30		SLH					Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			18:30	19:00							Break	
			19:00	**19:30**		SLH	SLH		SLH	SLH	Mixed-Main/Consolation round	Last 64

4	Tu	29.09.	**10:00**	10:30	SLH			SLH			Mixed-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			10:00	11:00		SLH			SLH		Mixed-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			10:30	11:00			SLH			SLH	Mixed-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			10:30	11:30	SLH			SLH			Mixed-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			11:00	11:30		SLH	SLH		SLH	SLH	Mixed-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			11:30	12:30							Break	
			12:30	13:00	SLH						Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			12:30	13:30		SLH					Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			13:00	14:00			SLH				Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			13:30	14:00					SLH	SLH	Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 32
			13:30	14:00	SLH						Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			13:30	14:30		SLH					Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			14:00	14:30			SLH	SLH	SLH		Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			14:30	15:00						SLH	Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			14:30	15:00	SLH	SLH					Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 8
			14:30	15:30			SLH				Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 8
			15:00	15:30				SLH	SLH	SLH	Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Last 8
			15:30	16:00							Break	
			16:00	16:30	SLH	SLH					Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			16:00	17:00			SLH				Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			16:30	17:00				SLH	SLH		Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			17:00	17:30						SLH	Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 16
			17:00	17:30	SLH	SLH	SLH				Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 8
			17:30	**18:00**				SLH	SLH	SLH	Singles-Main/Consolation round	Last 8

5	We	30.09.	**10:00**	10:45	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	Mixed-Main/Consolation round	Last 8
			10:45	11:30	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	Mixed-Main/Consolation round	Semi finals
			11:30	12:15	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Semi finals
			12:15	13:00	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	Singles-Main/Consolation round	Semi finals
			13:00	13:30							Break	
			13:30	14:15	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	Mixed-Main/Consolation round	Finals
			14:15	15:00	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	Doubles-Main/Consolation round	Finals
			15:00	15:45	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	SLH	Singles-Main/Consolation round	Finals
			15:45	**16:45**							Award ceremony	

Men		Women	Singles
SLH =	Swiss Life Hall		Doubles
LSB =	LSB Hall		Mixed
HH =	Hockey Hall		Break

3) Entries for doubles and mixed doubles can still be submitted until 22 September

Pairs for doubles and mixed doubles can still be entered via the online registration system until 22 September 2026. After that, new pairs can only be entered via the partner exchange during accreditation on the Thursday and Friday before the tournament begins in Hanover.

For the men's doubles, 111 players (19 per cent) have not yet submitted their entries; for the women's doubles, 23 (11 per cent); and for the mixed doubles, 3 women (1.5 per cent) have not yet registered. This means that a very large number of doubles pairs and almost all possible mixed pairs have already been registered. For anyone else who has yet to do so, instructions on how to proceed in the online registration system (via which you also registered) can be found in the third 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.

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

4) Doubles and Mixed Doubles Partner Matching Event on 24 and 25 September

During the accreditation process on Thursday and Friday at the Akademie des Sports in Hanover, a doubles partner matching event will also be held there. Players who are still without a doubles partner can find out who is looking for one, make arrangements with available players, and register new pairings.

In theory, this also applies to mixed doubles, though by then all the women are likely to have been ‘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!

5) Draws, fixtures and results

The draws, fixtures and results will be available online at www.pppwc.net. Simply click on the ‘Draws & Results’ button.

The singles players are already listed under ‘Participants’, showing their allocation to the three singles categories. To view the fixtures and results after the draw, you must first select the relevant tournament day under ‘Matches’ and then, under ‘Competitions’, select the relevant tournament category or competition (singles, doubles, mixed). If you click on the time, all matches scheduled for that time will be displayed. The group standings and tournament brackets for the knockout rounds are best viewed under ‘Draws’.

In addition, there are five scanning stations – one in each hall, one in the entrance lobby of the Swiss Life Hall and one at the side entrance to the Swiss Life Hall – where players can scan the barcode on their accreditation card to receive up-to-date personal information about the matches they have played so far and their next matches as per the draw.

Another service designed to keep players informed about match schedules and results is the text message service. Before each match, players receive a text message on their smartphone stating the time and table for their next match. After the match, they receive the result via text message. In their accreditation bag, each player will find a slip of paper on which their telephone number is noted. Please ensure that this telephone number is correct (and that it is a mobile number) so that the text message service can work properly for you.

6) Tournament equipment

The tournament will be played on 90 JOOLA tables (World Cup 25-S) using white Joola Prime *** balls.

7) Umpires

The PingPongParkinson World Championships will be played on a total of 90 tables. It is not possible for the organisers to provide enough qualified umpires for every day and every table. We would therefore ask that matches at tables where no umpire is

assigned be scored by volunteers. During the preliminary group matches in the singles, doubles and mixed events, these should be the players who are playing their matches at the relevant table but are not currently playing.

During the knockout rounds on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, additional volunteers will be needed to act as umpires alongside those already scheduled. These should be players who are not currently playing, as well as family members or visitors. If no volunteer can be found for a table, please ask the player who most recently lost at that table to keep score. On Wednesday, there will be umpires for all tables.

8) Chief Referee

Two of Lower Saxony's most qualified referees will serve as chief referees at this World Cup. On Saturday and Sunday, Bastian Heyduck will take on this role. A native of Hildesheim, he is an international referee and head of the Referees' Department at the TTVN. From Monday to Wednesday, Bernd Buhmann will then serve as chief referee. He comes from the Hameln-Pyrmont district, is also an international referee and works in the Referees' Department – a role he once headed – now as a committee member. Both will be the points of contact for the players on all matters relating to the rules during the tournament.

9) Disputes/Arbitration Panel

The arbitration panel shall consist of one representative each from the five countries with the largest number of participants: Germany, Spain, France, Switzerland and Israel.

Any decision in disputes shall be taken by three members of this five-member arbitration panel by a simple majority.

Persons from a country involved in the case in question shall be deemed to have a conflict of interest and may not take part in the decision. If, when a decision is to be made, more than three members of the arbitration panel are not impartial, the composition of the arbitration panel for that case shall be determined by the above-mentioned order of the countries (based on team size).

During the deliberations, a representative of the tournament organisers, the chief referee and a representative of PPP International may be consulted, without the right to vote.

10) Tournament procedure

In every match, the player's number must be worn on the back of their top.

The preliminary rounds in the singles, doubles and mixed doubles are played in groups. Each group is allocated a fixed table (or two) at which all matches for that group are played. The tournament sheet for all group matches will be brought to the table by the tournament organisers; the matches must then be played in the order listed.

Each umpire for a group match is responsible for ensuring that the set result is correctly entered on the tournament sheet. Both players must also check that the result is correct.

Once the final match in a group has ended, the referee for that match must take the completed tournament form (the table does not need to be filled in), a clipboard, the ball

with its cup and a pen to the tournament organisers. The referees for the group matches are players from the same group who are not playing in that match.

Before the knockout round matches, the players are called out by the hall announcer. In rounds where no referees are appointed, when their names are called, the first-named player goes to the tournament organisers to collect the cup containing the ball, a pen and the referee's sheet. The cup is marked with the relevant table number. After the match, the referee – or, in matches without a referee, the winner – returns the cup, ball, pen and completed referee's sheet to the tournament organisers.

11) Assistance at the table

Players who require assistance at the table, particularly with picking up the balls, should, during the first four days of the tournament, try to enlist the help of a personal assistant or one of the people standing nearby for this task.

On the day of the final, matches will be played in separate boxes. On that day, the players concerned will be given an additional cup containing several balls. This should be handed to the referee, who will throw the balls to the player in need of assistance during the match, so that balls only need to be picked up again once all the balls have been used.

12) Singles competition format

In each of the three tournament classes, groups of (where possible) six players, or otherwise five players, are formed in the preliminary round. One player from the top sixth of the field in that class is seeded into each group (see 'Classification' below). In addition, one further player from each of the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth strongest sixths of the field of participants is drawn at random into each group. Each group plays a 'round-robin' format. For details on determining the ranking within the groups, see Section 14 'Calculation of the ranking within the groups'.

The top three players from each group qualify for the main round, whilst the other three proceed to the consolation round. In any five-player groups that may be required, only the fourth- and fifth-placed players advance to the consolation round.

The remainder of the main and consolation rounds, up to and including the quarter-finals, will be played on Tuesday using a single-elimination system. The losing team is eliminated. The semi-finals and finals will take place on Wednesday. There will be no third-place play-off – both losing semi-finalists will be declared third and should please be ready for the prize-giving ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

13) Doubles and Mixed Doubles Tournament Format

In each of the three tournament classes, groups of (where possible) four pairs, or otherwise three pairs, are formed in the preliminary round. One pair from the top quarter of the field in that class is seeded into each group (see 'Classification' below). In addition, one further pair from each of the second, third and fourth strongest quarters of the field of participants is drawn at random into each group. Each group plays a 'round-robin' format. For details on determining the ranking within the groups, see section 14 'Calculation of the ranking within the groups'.

The top two pairs from each group qualify for the main round, whilst the other two proceed to the consolation round. In any groups of three that may be required, only the third-placed pair advances to the consolation round.

The main round and the consolation round will be contested up to and including the quarter-finals on Tuesday using a single-elimination system. Whoever loses is eliminated. The semi-finals and finals will take place on Wednesday. There will be no match for third place – both semi-final losers will be declared third and should please be ready for the prize-giving ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

14) Calculation of the group standings

Each winner of a match receives two match points, each loser of a completed match receives one match point, and each loser of a match that has not been played or has not been completed receives no match points. The group standings are determined by the number of match points.

If two or more players or pairs have the same number of match points, their ranking amongst themselves is determined first by the higher number of match points and then by the better set ratio and, if necessary, the better game ratio, taking into account only the matches played between the players concerned.

If, at any stage of the calculations, the position of one of the group members who have won the same number of matches can be clearly determined in relation to the others, the results of that member’s matches shall no longer be taken into account for any further necessary calculations.

If it is not possible to determine the order of players in this way, it shall be decided by lot.