



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS No. 03 of 01.09.2026

Dear participants,

This circular is to inform you about the next steps in the ongoing preparations for the tournament. It is divided into two parts. Part A covers all general matters relating to the tournament, whilst Part B deals with the competition itself. Chapters 3 to 6 in Part B concern the registrations that all players still need to complete in the coming days – in particular the doubles registrations.

The fourth and final circular is scheduled for mid-September.

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A General information

1) Status of entries

As things stand, 813 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. So the flight tickets can now be booked!

A further 122 players had also registered during the six-month registration period, but have since decided not to compete in Hanover for various reasons. Three of them were disqualified because they failed to pay the entry fee in time, and seven others because they failed to provide proof of their Parkinson's disease in time. In total, therefore, 935 players have expressed an interest in this World Championship.

2) General timetable

Accreditation/Partner Exchange Thursday, 24.09.2026, 0:00 –8:00 p.m.

Accreditation/Partner Exchange Friday, 25.09.2026, 09:00 a. m. – 5:00 p. m.

Latest arrival time Friday, 25. September 4:00 p. m. = 60 min. before the end of the accreditation period

Opening Ceremony Friday, 25. September, 6:00 p. m.; Swiss Life Hall

Lunch Friday 25. September to Wednesday, 30. Sept.; in each case during the period from 11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.

Chill & Grill	Friday, 25. September to Tuesday, 29. Sept.; from 5.00 pm each day (Friday 7.00 p. m.); open end
Draw for the group stage	Friday, 25. September, 7:00 p. m.
Five days – five songs	Saturday, 26. September to Wednesday, 30. Sept. in each case from 09:50 – 09:55 a. m.
Tournament matches	Saturday, 26. September to Wednesday, 30. Sept. Starts at 10:00 a. m.; different end times
Britannia Workshop for people with Parkinson's disease	
	Monday, 28. September 6:00 – 7:30 p. m.
Britannia Workshop for carers / family and friends	
	Tuesday, 29. September 6:00 – 7:30 p. m.
Knockout stage matches	Wednesday, 30. September 10:00 a. m. to 3:45 p. m.
Awards ceremony	Wednesday, 30. September approx. 3:45– 4:45 p. m.

Any changes to this timetable will be published on the tournament website, pppwc.net.

3) Lunch

From **25 September to 30 September 2026**, lunch will be provided daily from **11.30 am to 1.30 pm** for participants and accompanying persons. There will be a choice of one meat dish and one vegetarian dish each day.

The canteen is located in the Akademie des Sports, right next to the main hall (Swiss Life Hall), and is within easy walking distance of the other two sports halls (max. 700 m).

A binding advance booking, including advance payment, is required for lunch. The price is **€12 per lunch**. Bookings can also be made for individual days of the event.

Important: Last-minute bookings during the event are not possible.

There are still some meals available, so the booking period has been extended until **6 September 2026** via this [link](#) verlängert wurde.

Please direct any enquiries regarding lunch to team@pppwc.org.

4) Canteens

During the World Cup, the canteens will be open from 8.30 am to 6.00 pm. They will be serving bread rolls, bockwurst sausages, cakes, pretzels, coffee, soft drinks, fruit and sweets. There will be one main canteen and two smaller canteens.

5) Diner / Chill & Grill / Come Together

Instead of a traditional players' party, this World Championship will feature a **daily 'Chill & Grill'** event after each day of competition, starting at 5.00 pm, so you can all wind down together at the end of the tournament day in the courtyard of the Akademie des Sports Hanover.

6) Accreditation

Accreditation will take place in the foyer of the LSB building. 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 arrive for accreditation by 4.00 pm on Friday at the latest. This is the latest possible time to register on site. For those arriving at the venue after this time, there will be a late registration option in justified individual cases, which we will announce in the next circular.

Please bring a valid form of ID with you to accreditation.

During 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. It serves, amongst other things, as proof of access and may save you from having to undergo bag checks. Furthermore, this badge 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, and cannot, register this year. Even without registration, they have free access to all halls and the playing areas so that they can coach the players if necessary.

7) Animals are not allowed in the halls!

For organisational and hygiene reasons, animals are not permitted in any of the three event halls. This applies to the interior and the playing areas as well as to the stands and foyers. We ask all participants and accompanying persons to bear this in mind when making their plans. Thank you for your understanding.

8) Motorhome pitches

The City of Hanover has provided us at short notice with a parking area for self-contained motorhomes in the immediate vicinity of the SwissLifeHall (opposite the Hanover Youth Hostel, Ferdinand-Wilhelm-Fricke Weg 1, 30169 Hanover). The area will be available from Thursday 24 September and has space for 10–15 motorhomes with a maximum length of 7 metres. There are no electricity or water connections, sanitary facilities or waste disposal facilities on site.

Advance registration with Ann-Katrin Thömen (thoemen@ttvn.de) is essential. Upon accreditation, a parking permit will be issued, which must be displayed visibly on the windscreen at all times. Motorhomes without this parking permit will be removed from the car park at the owner's expense.

Should all available pitches be occupied, we ask that you use nearby campsites or official motorhome sites instead. An overview of suitable parking options can be found, for example, in the 'Park4Night' app.

9) LEWETEX is gifting a Parkinson's mattress and comfort pillows

During the event, LEWETEX will be giving away an innovative Parkinson's mattress and two height-adjustable neck pillows. The Parkinson's mattress was developed by

LEWETEX specifically to meet the particular needs of people with Parkinson's. Here's how you can take part:

1. Visit the LEWETEX stand in the foyer of the Swiss Life Hall.
2. Register there with your email address to take part in the prize draw. You can register at the stand from 26 September 2026 to 29 September 2026.

Participants from all over the world are welcome to take part. The lucky winners will be drawn on Tuesday 29 September 2026 at 6 pm and notified by email.

To ensure a fair competition: the resale of prizes is prohibited. Please only enter the prize draw if you genuinely need the prizes yourself or are looking for them on behalf of someone close to you. This ensures a fair chance for everyone who urgently needs this support.

Please direct any enquiries regarding this matter to isabell@pingpongparkinson.de.

10) Britannia workshops on device-assisted therapies (DATs)

During the PingPongParkinson World Championship, Britannia will be hosting 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 – A Workshop of Lived Experiences and Communication Needs of People with Parkinson's and Their Caregivers"

- People with Parkinson's: Monday, 28 September 2026, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
- Caregivers / Family and friends: Tuesday, 29 September 2026, 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

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

Britannia is looking for participants who, amongst other things, are currently using a device-aided therapy and/or supporting someone with Parkinson's using such therapy, are aged 18 or over, and are able to communicate clearly and comfortably in English.

Participants will be offered a compensation in exchange for their time and participation.

If you would like to find out more, have any questions or would like to take part, please contact the Britannia medical team directly by email at: medicalaffairs@britanniapharm.com.

PingPongParkinson is not involved in running these workshops or collecting any information – we are helping to share this opportunity with our community.

11) Art Exhibition and workshops

As part of our tournament, a truly unique exhibition will showcase the creative side of our community. Featuring drawings, paintings, collages, and photographs by more than 30 artists with Parkinson's from eight countries, the works were selected by a jury from 70 submissions. The exhibition will be open from Saturday to Tuesday between 3:30 PM and 9:00 PM. The artworks will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds supporting our organization.

For anyone who wants to try out their own creative side, there will be an opportunity to do so: artist Alexine Good, a PPP player from Berlin, is offering one-hour workshops on

Sunday and Monday. Paints, brushes, pens, and paper will be provided free of charge, with sessions starting at 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM each day.

Please direct any enquiries regarding this matter to marcus.heithecker@pingpongparkinson.de.

12) Travelling exhibition ‘PingPongPowerwomen’

We will also be presenting the travelling exhibition “PingPongPowerwomen – We’re giving Parkinson’s a female face” in Hanover. Fifty roll-ups will be on display. This exhibition has been on the road since International Women’s Day and the PingPongPowerfrauen tournament in Dietersheim. In the run-up to the World Championships, the Powerfrauen are touring 16 state capitals over 16 days across Germany to raise awareness of the World Championships and Parkinson’s disease in women.

Please direct any enquiries regarding this matter to anke.leidenberger@pingpongparkinson.de.

13) The PPP Fan Shop

At the PPP Fan Shop, you will find a selection of fan merchandise, keepsakes and practical items celebrating PingPongParkinson. From clothing and books to key rings and other products, every item is a reminder of special encounters and a visible sign of belonging to the worldwide PingPongParkinson community.

Visit the Fan Shop during the World Championship, discover our merchandise and take a piece of PPPWC Hannover 2026 home with you – either for yourself or as a gift for family and friends.

All items are available only while stocks last.

14) Our website is now at <https://pppwc.net/>

Unfortunately, the tournament website at <https://pppwc.org/> was included on various blacklists maintained by antivirus programmes 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 prospectus, news, details of accommodation, an FAQ section and a link to the list of participants. The closer the tournament gets, the more frequently the latest news will be posted there. It is therefore well worth checking the site from time to time.

B Information on sporting activities

1) Classification

Purpose of the 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.

A methodology has been chosen that is as practical and straightforward as possible. It is based on the participants' playing strength, as determined by their previous competitive table tennis results, and on their self-assessments. The methodology must, to some extent, generalise and deliberately does not account for special cases.

Basic classes

All participants have been 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 were introduced because the doubles and mixed doubles class is determined by the ranking of the higher-ranked of the two partners. It would therefore 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 as a result. Now his base class is 3, and he can play in Class 2 in singles (if he wishes), but still in Class 3 in doubles and mixed doubles, where he belongs in terms of performance. Alternatively, he can compete in Class 3 in singles, but in a higher class in doubles or mixed doubles.

Classification into basic classes

Players with a Q-TTR rating:

For players who have previously taken part in PPP tournaments or who, due to other competitions, already feature in the andro rankings for August 2026 with a Q-TTR rating (see <https://www.mytischtennis.de/rankings/andro-rangliste>), classification is the simplest: They will be placed in one of the three basic classes based solely on their Q-TTR rating. The thresholds for the three classes have been set as follows.

Class	Q-TTR	Class	Q-TTR
Men 1	3000 to 1201	Women 1	3000 to 1051
Men 2	1200 to 1001	Women 2	1050 to 901
Men 3	1000 to 400	Women 3	900 to 400

420 of the 813 registered players (52 per cent) already have a Q-TTR rating and can therefore be ranked in this way.

Players without a Q-TTR rating:

For all 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 table tennis ability: this involves answering questions about the duration of table tennis activities, competition and training experience, as well as technical skills, which are then evaluated using a standardised method.

The maximum score (SAQ points, from Self-Assessment Questionnaire) here is 100, which means that the player must be assessed as relatively strong. The minimum score is 0 points.

Class	SAQ Points	Class	SAQ Points
Men 1	100 to 76	Women 1	100 to 71
Men 2	75 to 41	Women 2	70 to 46
Men 3	40 to 0	Women 3	45 to 0

393 players (48 per cent) were classified in this way.

Three players who failed to submit a self-assessment despite being asked to do so on several occasions were placed in basic class 1.

2) Seeding lists for singles

Using the two tables above, a presumed ranking of playing strength – from the strongest to the weakest player – has been determined separately for all men and all women. The top-ranked player is listed with 700 seeding points, the second-best with 699, the third-best with 698, and so on. These seeding points are also used to determine the playing strength of the doubles and mixed pairs.

The list 'Basic Classes, Playing Classes and Seeding List for Men's Singles (Classification)' shows, for each player, their basic class, which tournament class they are currently scheduled to play in for singles and how many seeding list points they have (the more, the better). This list is attached to this mail and can be viewed on the website at <https://pppwc.net/> under 'players'. It will also be updated regularly there in the near future.

3) Please submit any requests to change national association by 5 September 2026

As a general rule, every player at this World Championship competes for the country of which they are a national.

However, players who have been living for a long time in a country of which they are not nationals, but who wish to compete for that country, may inform the organisers of this change informally. Please ensure that the email is sent by 5 September 2026 to the

competition manager, Hilmar Heinrichmeyer, at hmeyer@ttvn.de, so that this can be taken into account when allocating race numbers and printing accreditation cards.

The following requests to change national federation have already been taken into account:

Bonaventura	Marcel	Switzerland
Schultz	Anita	Germany

4) Please notify us of any increases in individual entries by 16 September 2026

The list 'Basic Classes, Tournament Classes and Singles Seeding' – separated by men's and women's categories – has now been published on the tournament website at pppwc.net under 'players'. It 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 seeding list (the more, the better).

All players with a basic class of 2 or 3 should now check whether they wish to play in singles within this basic class 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 get in touch. No further changes to the class allocation will be made after 16 September.

There are certainly some players who, from their own personal perspective, believe they belong in a lower basic class than that allocated. However, the tournament organisers must take into account the interests of all players to ensure the tournament runs fairly. For this reason, the classification has been carried out according to objective criteria as far as possible. Requests for a lower base class cannot therefore be accommodated under any circumstances, because that would jeopardise the sporting integrity of the competition. And this is of the utmost importance for the PingPongParkinson World Championships!

5) 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 singles, but only in doubles and/or mixed doubles. This is now well known from

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Anyone who does not wish to take part in the singles competition must please inform the competition manager, Hilmar Heinrichmeyer, by 16 September 2026 by emailing hmeyer@ttvn.de.

6) Entry for doubles and mixed doubles

Entries can only be submitted between 6 and 16 September

Pairs for the doubles and mixed doubles can only be entered via the online registration system on the basis of the final entries and the decision regarding each player's base class for the singles, and only during the period from 6 September 2026 to 16 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.

Each player may compete in doubles and mixed doubles in their base class or in a higher tournament class. It should be noted that each pair must always start in at least the tournament class corresponding to the base class of the higher-ranked of the two partners. Irrespective of this, each pair may alternatively enter a higher tournament class in doubles or mixed doubles.

Example: Partner A has base class 3, Partner B has base class 2. In this case, the pair must compete in class 2. Alternatively, they may enter class 1 instead.

Instructions on how to proceed in the online registration system (via which registration was also carried out) are provided below. A distinction is made between **selecting** a partner and **confirming or rejecting** a partner.

To do this, a participant must first log in to the online registration website as described below.

A) Log in:

Log in to the website <https://www.ttm.co.at/pppwc2026/> using your email address and the password you received in the email confirming your registration as a player.

If you no longer have this email or have forgotten your password, click on the 'Forgotten password' button on the website mentioned above. A new window will open in which you must enter the email address you used to register, then click on the 'Request password' button. A new password will then be sent to the email address you provided. You can now log in using this password and your email address, as described above.

B) Select a doubles or mixed doubles partner:

From 6 September, you will be able to choose your partner for the doubles and mixed doubles competitions. However, only the person who registered you can do this! If you did not register yourself but were registered by someone else, please contact that person.

Please proceed as follows:

1. Once you have registered (see above), you will see an overview of your registration status and of all the players and accompanying persons you have registered. If you have registered other players in addition to yourself, only you can select a doubles partner for those players.
 - Now click on 'Edit' to the right of the name of the player for whom you are looking for a doubles partner.

- Then select the rating/category of your preferred partner.
- Now select your doubles partner and click on 'Save'.

If you don't have a preferred partner, click on 'Players without a doubles partner' to see a list of all available players. You can then choose a partner from that list.

2. You will then receive a confirmation email, which will also state the category in which you will be playing doubles.
3. Your preferred partner will also receive a notification telling them who has chosen them as their dance partner.
4. To finalise the partner selection, the doubles partner you have chosen must also confirm you as their preferred partner. Once both players have successfully completed the selection process, both doubles partners will receive a confirmation email.

If you can't find your ideal partner:

- Search across all categories.
- Search for alternative spellings of the first name or surname, or for the correct first name.

If you are still unable to find your preferred partner in the system, you will need to contact them directly:

- Ask your preferred partner whether they have registered.
- Ask your preferred partner whether they have already chosen another player as their doubles partner. You can only choose a doubles partner from among players who have already registered and are still available.

To select a mixed doubles partner, follow the same procedure as for selecting a doubles partner.

If you have any further questions or do not wish to play doubles or mixed doubles, please contact pppwc2026@ttm.co.at.

C) Confirm or decline doubles/mixed doubles partner:

If you receive an email containing a request to be a doubles partner or a mixed doubles partner, you must either accept or decline this request. However, only the person who registered you can do this! If you did not register yourself but were registered by someone else, please contact that person.

Please proceed as follows:

1. Once you have logged in (see above), you will see an overview of all the players you have registered. Now click on the 'Requests' button to the right of the name for which you have received a request for a doubles partner.
2. You will see a list of all the players who have requested you as a doubles partner.
3. You now have the following options:
 - Click 'Accept' if you wish to play doubles with this player. Both of you will then receive a confirmation email.
 - Click 'Decline' if you do not wish to play doubles with this player. The player who requested you as a partner will then receive an email stating that their request to play doubles has been declined.

- Find a doubles partner yourself, as described above under 'Selecting a doubles or mixed partner'. The player who requested you as a partner will then receive an email stating that their request for a doubles partner has been declined.
4. Follow the steps described in (2)–(4) for all other players you have registered.

To select a mixed doubles partner, follow the same procedure as for confirming or declining a doubles match.

If you have any further questions or do not wish to play doubles or mixed doubles, please contact pppwc2026@ttm.co.at.

7) 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!

8) Seeding lists for doubles and mixed doubles

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

Example: Partner A has 307 seeding points and Partner B has 408; the total of 715 then determines their position on the seeding list for the competition.