



The tournament

We continue the tradition of holding the ICTP Table Tennis Tournament (ITTT) aimed at bringing together players from ICTP. The tournament has the **Singles section**, where participants can register in one of the three categories: A (for people who play occasionally), B (for regular players), C (for skilled players). Then there is the **Doubles** category and the renowned **ICTP Sections team cup**. The tournament will take place from **25th to 27th October 2023**, starting at 5pm and finishing around 7pm. There is also the trial round on the opening day, **24th October 2023**, where participants play with each other so that everyone can be categorised appropriately for the singles tournament. Participation in the trial round is highly encouraged, although not mandatory, for the participation in the tournament.

The level of the players spans a broad spectrum, so do not be discouraged from participating if you think you are not good (or too good for that matter). The initial placement shall be according to your self-assessment, corrected after the trial round. In this way, we aim to design the tournament so that everybody gets to compete against opponents of similar level and enjoy their games.

Registration

To sign up, please fill the registration form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckq6hTpOsoT1zff8o9gCNIWrL7bzSJ95ar7PSI3_mol8zv5A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Registration deadline is 16th October at 6pm. There is no registration fee!

Categories

- **Singles** (three sub-groups: A, B and C)
- **Doubles**
- **ICTP sections team cup**

Singles tournament

The singles games shall start on Tuesday **24th October** with a “trial round”, aimed at confirming the initial seeding of the players according to their assessment in the registration form.

After the trial round, all the players will be split into three categories: A, B and C, so that everyone gets a chance to enjoy playing with opponents of their level.

At this stage, the knockout elimination rounds in each Singles group shall start on Wednesday **25th October**.

Doubles tournament

Depending on the number of participants in the Doubles category, the knockout rounds will start either on **25th October** or **26th October**, with the aim of having the finals on **27th October**.

ICTP Sections team cup

Each ICTP Section should be represented by a minimum of 3 players who should defend the **honour** of their Section. Each team shall be made (ideally) of at

least one student (diploma/master's), one PhD student and one senior (postdoc, staff..). The ICTP Sections team cup games shall consist of a first game of singles, then a game of doubles and, in case of a draw - a final doubles game. The group seedings shall be done at random before the games.

Rules and tournament structure

- [ITTF rules](#) for singles and doubles and the 11-point game format apply
- All games up to the finals are played to best 2 out of 3 games, and singles and doubles finals are played to best 3 out of 5 games.
- All ICTP Sections team cup games shall be played to best 2 out of 3 games
- The schedule for the upcoming tournament day shall be announced in advance. In case the players are not available to play in their allocated time slot, please contact the organisers in advance to reschedule your game.

Material

- Balls for the games shall be provided
- Rackets shall be provided

Prizes

- Every player shall get beautiful memorabilia for their participation
- The first three places will be rewarded with a trophy

Highlight

Friday 27th October shall be the **highlight of the tournament** with the semi-finals and finals of the singles and doubles categories, the ICTP Section team cup and the prize ceremony!

Thanks

- ICTP for providing the venue and material support
- SciFabLab of ICTP for helping out with the prizes

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