

INFORMATION

THE TFA PRESENTS  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES  
TAOYUAN CITY - Taiwan  
**TABLE SOCCER**  
FREE ACCESS



OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> TO 21<sup>TH</sup> 2012  
Taiwan - TAOYUAN CITY



Information on [www.table-soccer.org](http://www.table-soccer.org)

# TABLE OF CONTENT

## 01 Introduction

*p3 The World Championship Series events*  
*p3 ITSF Official Tables*  
*p4 the Fireball WCS event*

## 02 Tournament information

*p5 Registration*  
*p5 Licenses*  
*p6 Rules and match format*  
*p6 Top seeds*  
*p6 Categories*  
*p7 Package content*  
*p7 Fees outside packages*  
*p8 Prizes*  
*p9 National Teams Competition*  
*p11 Schedule*  
*p13 Partners*  
*p14 How to get there*

## 03 Contact - Information

*p15 TFA and ITSF*

[www.table-soccer.org](http://www.table-soccer.org)



## TAIWAN FOOSBALL ASSOCIATION

✉ : 3F-9, No.67, Gaocui Rd.  
Hsinchu 300  
Taiwan

☎ : +886 972693856  
☎ : +886 3 666 7200  
@ : [hightimesports@gmail.com](mailto:hightimesports@gmail.com)  
💻 : [www.foosball.tw](http://www.foosball.tw)



# 01 INTRODUCTION

## ↘The World Championship Series Events

There are 5 World Championship Series (WCS) events in the annual ITSF Tour, one on each ITSF Official table (Fireball, Leonhart, Roberto Sport, Garlando, Bonzini).

Each of these events is a “mini World Championships event” on a single table, as opposed to the end-of-the-Tour World Championships which take place on all 5 tables.

The first 3 Open Singles winners of each WCS event, as well as the winners of the Women's Singles, Junior Singles and Senior Singles categories are automatically qualified for the World Championships.

These 6 players also benefit from a travel package to attend the World Championships (each package amounts to € 250 to € 800 depending on where they reside).

### 13 international titles are awarded at each WCS event:

01. Open Singles
02. Open Doubles
03. Junior Singles
04. Junior Doubles
05. Senior Singles
06. Senior Doubles
07. Women's Singles
08. Women's Doubles
09. Mixed Doubles
10. Disabled Doubles
11. Senior National Team
12. Men's National Team
13. Women's National Team

## ↘ITSF Official tables



↻Fireball (China)

[www.tablesoccer.com](http://www.tablesoccer.com)



↻Bonzini (France)

[www.bonzini.com](http://www.bonzini.com)



↻Roberto Sport (Italy)

[www.robortosport.it](http://www.robortosport.it)



↻Garlando (Italy)

[www.garlando.it](http://www.garlando.it)



↻Leonhart (Germany)

[www.original-leonhart.com](http://www.original-leonhart.com)

↘ p.3

## ➤ The Fireball WCS event

The Taiwan Foosball Association (TFA) is proud to invite you to the first Fireball WCS event which will take place in Taoyuan City (Taiwan) :

### Tai Mall Shopping Center (B2)

**Address: No.112, Sec. 1, Nankan Rd., Luzhu Township, Taoyuan County 338  
Taiwan (R.O.C.)**

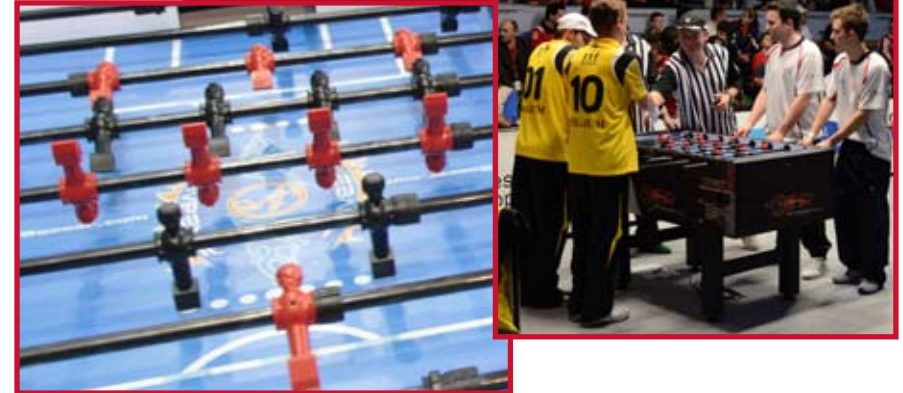
The main partners associated to this event are the Fireball table manufacturer, Tai Mall Shopping Center and Puma Social.

About 300 competitors from a lot of countries and many spectators will attend this major event.

Apart from the main events, other competitions are also organized:

- Doubles events by rating categories : Pro, Semi-Pro, Rookie
- Singles events by rating categories : Pro, Semi-Pro, Rookie
- Side events: 2 D.Y.P. (Draw Your Partner)

The Fireball company will provide 40 tables for the competition.



### Taoyuan City

It is the county seat of Taoyuan County in Taiwan, located in the northwestern part of the island. Taoyuan city is the gateway of Taiwan: with the Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport in vicinity, and is a 30-minute ride to the capital, Taipei.

## 02 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### Registration

The competitions are strictly reserved to ITSF licensees.

Players have to register **7 days at the latest before the event**.

All players will be able to check their registration on the ITSF website: **www.table-soccer.org** at least 7 days before the event.

The Pro, Semi Pro and Rookie Doubles competitions are exclusively open to those players ranked in those categories.

For Doubles events: a player may take part in a competition in a higher category than his/her own if his/her partner is ranked in that category. See next page for details on these 3 categories.

Federations must ensure to select the correct category for their players in the online registration via Fast.

When sending their online registration, federations authorize the release of photograph, video or both, taken of their players during the event, to the TFA and ITSF.

They may be used for educational or promotional purposes, including all forms of media and electronic communications.

Sport dress is compulsory for all players. National team players must wear their national outfit during the National Teams Competition and during ceremonies.



[www.table-soccer.org/rules/dresscode.php](http://www.table-soccer.org/rules/dresscode.php)

### Licenses

Only those players registered in the ITSF database with the FAST software will be allowed to compete in ITSF events.

Players must have a player's license issued by their own federation – they can have one only. Please contact your federation for details.

Registration must be done with the FAST software only (contact your own federation) and the payment by bank transfer before October 12 :

The deadline for registration is:

**FRIDAY, October 12<sup>TH</sup>  
2012 INCLUDED**

No registration will be taken into account after this date.

### ACCOUNT ID

TAIWAN COOPERATIVE BANK H.S.I.P. BRANCH  
Beneficiary Bank Address:  
No.1, TECHNOLOGY ROAD, SCIENCE-BASED  
INDUSTRIAL PARK HSINCHU TAIWAN

Beneficiary Bank Swift: TACBTWTP564  
Beneficiary Name: Huang Chun-Chieh  
Beneficiary Account No.: 006-5643-765-468091

### TAIWAN FOOSBALL ASSOCIATION

✉ : 3F-9, No.67, Gaocui Rd.  
Hsinchu 300  
Taiwan

☎ : +886 972693856  
☎ : +886 3 666 7200  
@ : hightimesports@gmail.com  
🌐 : www.foosball.tw



## Rules and match format

All events in the ITSF World Tour are played according to the international Game Rules, to be found in several languages on the ITSF website: [www.table-soccer.org/rules](http://www.table-soccer.org/rules)

### Qualification

- All qualification matches are played in a single 7-point game.
- The FAST software takes into account the level of a player's opponents when determining qualification matches, in order for the automatic draw to be fair to all players.

### Elimination

- All matches of the elimination phase, except in the DYP events, are played with the following format : Single KO, best of 5 games, first to 5 in each game, with a 2-point difference in the last game up to a maximum of 8 points.
- DYP events : best of 3 games, with a 2-point difference in the last game up to a maximum of 8 points for the winning table and a 7-point game without difference points for the losing table.

## Top Seeds

*All Top Seeds are determined using the rankings as they are 4 weeks before the start of the event. These rankings will be displayed on the ITSF website upon reception of the results of the last event to take place before the 4-week span - changes taking place afterwards will not be taken into consideration.*

### Women's competitions

- If there are **more than 32 competitors**: there shall be 4 Top Seeds (TS) according to the ITSF World Ranking + 2 TS determined by the host federation (= wild cards). These 6 Top Seeds don't play qualification matches.
- If there are **32 competitors or less**: there shall be 4 Top Seeds (TS) according to the ITSF World Ranking. These TS play qualification matches but do not play against each other during that qualifying phase.

### Open competitions

- There shall be 8 Top Seeds (TS) according to the ITSF World Ranking + 4 Top Seeds determined by the host federation (= wild cards). These 12 Top Seeds don't play qualification matches.

[www.table-soccer.org/rankings](http://www.table-soccer.org/rankings)

- In the Doubles event, points from both partners are added for the seeding.

## Categories

### Specific conditions

➤ Women, Senior and Junior players must choose between playing in their category (WS, WD, SS, SD) or playing in the Open events (OS, OD). Exceptionally, if there are very few competitors in their category (8 or less) players/teams will be allowed to compete in both events.

In that case, the competition in their category shall start 2 hours after the start of the elimination matches in the Open category and shall be played in Single KO. In case of time conflicts when launching matches, the Open event must be given priority. Also if there are 8 or less players/teams in that category (minimum 3), only 50 % of the prize money will be paid out to players.

### Rating categories

- There are **4 rating categories**:

**Pro** = Top 250 players from ITSF Open Combined Ranking

**Semi Pro** = Players ranked 251 to 600 in ITSF Open Combined Ranking + Women : top 30 players from ITSF Ranking

**Rookie** = All other players who don't belong to the above categories

**Newbie** = Taiwan Newbie Players

## Package content

Pro, Semi-Pro, Rookie and Newbie\* packages include:

- 1 Singles event\*\*
- 1 Doubles event\*\*\*
- Mixed doubles
- 1 Singles event per rating category
- 1 Doubles event per rating category

\* Newbie only for Taiwan Newbie players. Newbie can not join Doubles. Players can join Rookie and Newbie Doubles. (take place in different day)

(\*\*) 1 Singles event = Open, Women's, Junior and/or Senior Singles

(\*\*\*) 1 Doubles event = Open, Women's, Junior and/or Senior Doubles

### PACKAGE COST

(including tournament fee)

<b>Pro</b>	<b>USD \$100</b>
<b>Semi-Pro</b>	<b>USD \$70</b>
<b>Rookie</b>	<b>USD \$50</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>USD \$50</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>USD \$30</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>according to their category (P/SP/R/N)</b>
<b>Newbie</b>	<b>USD \$40</b>
<b>Newbie weekend</b>	<b>USD \$25</b>

### \$30 TOURNAMENT FEE

This fee is included in the packages.  
In the case of fees outside packages, the tournament fee is added only once.



The tournament fee includes the following:

Registration fee: \$25

Referee fee: \$5

The tournament organizers use the referee fee to pay the referees who officiate during their event.

Referees receive payment based on their level and number of qualified matches officiated.

This fee does not guarantee players that they will have a referee at all times; it is mathematically impossible to have enough referees in the first rounds of a competition since most referees are also players. If no referee is available, the match must go on or else players/teams will be sanctioned (they may both get disqualified) for delaying the competition. However, it is clearly stated in the Referee Code that when a certified ITSF referee registers to play in a tournament, he/she is under the obligation to officiate (except in specific cases).

All referees have to wear ITSF referee shirts displaying their referee level. See referee dress code on: [www.table-soccer.org/rules/dresscode.php](http://www.table-soccer.org/rules/dresscode.php)

## Fees outside packages

### COST PER COMPETITION

<b>Pro</b>	<b>USD \$35</b>
<b>Semi-Pro</b>	<b>USD \$25</b>
<b>Rookie</b>	<b>USD \$15</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>USD \$15</b>
<b>Newbie</b>	<b>USD \$10</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DYP</b>	<b>USD \$10</b>
<b>+ Tournament fee</b>	<b>USD \$30</b>

### Why pay a referee fee?

Tournament organizers use this money to pay referees who officiate during their event. For more information, visit the ITSF website: [www.table-soccer.org/rules](http://www.table-soccer.org/rules)

## Prizes

### OPEN

+ ITSF medals for first 3

<b>Singles</b>		<b>Doubles</b>	
1	\$ 500 + WCh package*	1	\$ 800
2	\$ 350 + WCh package*	2	\$ 600
3	\$ 200 + WCh package*	3	\$ 350
4	\$150	4	\$ 250
5/8	\$100	5/8	\$ 180
9/16	\$ 80	9/16	\$ 140

### WOMEN'S

- see conditions p.6

+ ITSF medals for first 3

<b>Singles</b>		<b>Doubles</b>	
1	\$ 70 + WCh package*	1	\$ 120
2	\$ 35	2	\$ 70
3	\$ 20	3	\$ 35
4	\$ 20	4	\$ 35
5/8	\$ 10	5/8	\$ 20

### JUNIOR/SENIOR

- see conditions p.6

+ ITSF medals for first 3

<b>Singles</b>		<b>Doubles</b>	
1	Trophy + WCh package*	1	Trophy
2	Trophy	2	Trophy
3	Trophy	3	Trophy
4	Trophy	4	Trophy

### PRO

<b>Singles</b>		<b>Doubles</b>	
1	\$ 120	1	\$ 350
2	\$ 80	2	\$ 200
3	\$ 50	3	\$ 100
4	\$ 50	4	\$ 100
5/8	\$ 25	5/8	\$ 40

### SEMI-PRO

<b>Singles</b>		<b>Doubles</b>	
1	\$ 30	1	\$ 50
2	\$ 20	2	\$ 35
3	\$ 15	3	\$ 25
4	\$ 15	4	\$ 25
5/8	\$ 10	5/8	\$ 15

### ROOKIE

<b>Singles</b>		<b>Doubles</b>	
1	\$ 20	1	\$ 30
2	\$ 15	2	\$ 20
3	\$ 10	3	\$ 15
4	\$ 10	4	\$ 15

### Daily DYP

1	\$ 35
2	\$ 20
3	\$ 15
4	\$ 15

### NEWBIE

- see conditions p.6

<b>Singles</b>		<b>Doubles</b>	
1	Trophy	1	Trophy
2	Trophy	2	Trophy
3	Trophy	3	Trophy

### MIXED DOUBLES

1	\$ 40
2	\$ 30
3	\$ 20
4	\$ 20
5	\$ 10

\* *WCh packages: these players are automatically qualified for the World Championships; they also benefit from a travel package to attend the WCh (each package amounts to € 250 to € 800 depending on where they reside).*



## ➤ National Teams Competitions - NTC

- - Men's event (min. 3 teams): 7 players + 2 reserve / Minimum 4 players
- Women's event (min. 3 teams): 4 players + 2 reserve / Minimum 3 players
- Senior event (min. 3 teams): 4 players + 2 reserve / Minimum 3 players

### ➤ Competition format

- Men's - 5 matches: S-D-S-D-S (S = Singles ; D = Doubles)
- Women's and Senior - 3 matches: S-D-S

Matches are played in one 7-point game with a 2-point difference up to 10 points max.

Players can only play one match (except in the case of an extra doubles match), so there must be 7 different names on each scoresheet (4 in Women's and Senior events).

- The qualifiers and parts of the elimination matches take place on the 1st day
- The remaining matches will be scheduled over the following 2 days.

- In qualifiers, each team meets 3 other teams at random (draw managed by FAST).

- 8 teams qualify for next round (4 in the Women's and Senior events)
- The host country and the best ranked nations (*exact number depending on the number of competing teams*) in the ITSF Men's, Women's and Senior **World Rankings of Nations** have "protected" status.

- These protected teams play in qualifiers but don't meet each other.
- Non-protected teams don't meet more than 1 protected team in qualifiers.

- Specific cases linked to the number of players in a team.

7 vs 7 (4 vs 4 in Women's and Senior events): all matches are played

6 vs 7 (3 vs 4 in Women's and Senior events): S1 is forfeited

6 vs 6 (3 vs 3 in Women's and Senior events): S1 is not played

5 vs 7 : D1 is forfeited

5 vs 6 : D1 is forfeited ; S1 is played

5 vs 5 : D1 is not played

4 vs 7 : D1 is forfeited ; S1 is forfeited

4 vs 6 : D1 is forfeited ; S1 is not played

4 vs 5 : D1 is not played ; S1 is forfeited

4 vs 4 : D1 is not played ; S1 is not played

- An extra Doubles match is played in case of a 2-2 tie (1-1 in the Women's and Senior events) when:

- >> a 5 or 6-player team plays against a 4-player team in the Men's event
- >> 2 teams of 6 players or 2 teams of 5 players play against each other in the Men's event (2 teams of 3 players in the Women's and Senior events).

### NTC Schedule - Friday, October 19th

- **1:00 pm** - Fast draw and all tournament information available at the registration table.

- **2:00 pm** - Deadline for registering team composition **for all 3 qualification matches**

- **3:00 pm** - team captains receive scoresheets for all 3 qualification matches

- **6:00 pm** - Presentation of the national teams at the Opening Ceremony.

- **6:30 pm** - Start of competitions - all matches (3 or 5) take place at the same time
- Each encounter takes about half an hour

Elimination matches start right after the end of the qualifiers

Team captains must enter their team rosters for the elimination matches **15 minutes at the latest after they know who their next opponent is**. There will be no call and no reminder to team captains regarding this. If the team captains fail to do so, **the roster of the last played encounter will automatically be registered in FAST**.

2 matches take place at the same time, then one at a time; however this is subjected to change depending on the number of teams and match schedule

- **9:30 pm and 10:30 pm** - 2 major encounters (TBD) in the TV Arena
- All matches take place one at a time.

### Saturday, October 20th

- (**Time TBD**) - Remaining elimination matches will be played in the TV Arena

	Competition	Qualification start	Seeded players	Nb of Q matches	Qualified players	Elimination start	Elimination format	Break	Finals (estimate)
<b>THURSDAY 18</b>	Doubles events by rating categories (Pro; SemiPro; Rookie)	10:30 AM	-	6*	80%**	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:00 PM	3:30 PM****
	DYP for eliminated players	3:30 PM	-	3	100%	5:00 PM	DKO - 2/3 - 7	6:00 PM	9:00 PM
	<b>6:00 PM - Opening Ceremony (stop calling matches at 5:30 PM)</b>								
	National Teams Competition	6:30 PM	*****	3			SKO	-	over 2 days

<b>FRIDAY 19</b>	Open Singles	10:00 AM	12	8*	80%**	1:30 PM	SKO - 3/5	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
	Women's Singles	10:00 AM	-	-	100%***	1:30 PM	SKO - 3/5	8:00 PM	8:00 PM
	Senior Singles	10:00 AM	-	6*	100%***	1:30 PM	SKO - 3/5	8:00 PM	7:00 PM
	DYP for eliminated players	3:30 PM	-	3	100%***	5:00 PM	DKO - 2/3 - 7	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
	National Teams Competition	-	-	-	-	-	SKO	-	TBD
<b>8:00 PM - Award Ceremony for doubles events and finished National Teams Competitions + presentation of singles' finalists on the stage</b>									

<b>SATURDAY 20</b>	Open Doubles	10:00 AM	12	8*	80%**	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:30 PM	8:30 PM
	Women's Doubles	10:00 AM	-	-	100%***	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:30 PM	3:00 PM
	Senior Doubles	10:00 AM	-	-	100%***	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:30 PM	4:00 PM
	Junior Doubles	10:00 AM	-	2	100%***	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:30 PM	3:00 PM
	Newbie Doubles*****	2:00 AM	-	-	100%***	4:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	6:30 PM	8:00 PM
	DYP for eliminated players	3:30 PM	-	3	100%***	5:00 PM	DKO - 2/3 - 7	6:30 PM	9:00 PM
<b>6:30 PM - Award Ceremony for doubles events and finished National Teams Competitions + presentation of doubles' finalists on the stage</b>									

<b>SUNDAY 21</b>	Mixed doubles	9:30 AM	12	8*	80%**	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	5:00 PM	8:30 PM
	Singles events by rating categories	10:30 AM	-	6*	100%***	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	7:00 PM	3:00 PM
	Junior Singles	10:30 AM	-	4*	100%***	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	-	4:00 PM
	Newbie Singles*****	10:30 AM	-	3*	100%***	12:00 PM	SKO - 3/5	-	3:00 PM
<b>Awards to be presented to winners at the end of each competition</b>									

\* The number of qualification matches will depend on the number of players and tables, to make sure eliminations matches start on time.

\*\* 80 % of qualified players BUT the maximum number can not be more than 4 times the number of AVAILABLE tables for the final phases.

\*\*\* In order for players to be qualified for the elimination phase, they have to have taken part in at least half of their matches in the qualification phase.

\*\*\*\* If finals can not be played at 4:00 pm, they will resume on Friday at 1:00 pm

\*\*\*\*\* The number of protected teams depends on the number of registered teams.

\*\*\*\*\* Only Taiwan Newbie players allow to register

## 📅 Schedule

# THURSDAY 18

### Q 10:00 am

Start of qualification phase for Doubles events by rating categories (Pro; SemiPro; Rookie)

### Q 12:00 pm

End of qualification and start of elimination – Single KO

### Q 2:00 pm

Deadline for entering names of team players for all 3 qualifying encounters in the NTC

### Q 3:00 pm

Team captains receive scoresheets for all 3 qualifying encounters in the NTC

### Q 3:30 pm

DYP for eliminated players. End of registration 15 minutes before start. National teams' players cannot take part

### Q 5:30 pm

Last call for matches in progress

### Q 6:00 pm

Opening ceremony : presentation of National Teams

### Q 6:30 pm

Start of NTC

### Q 9:00 pm

Official clinic for referees

# FRIDAY 19

### Q 10:00 am

Qualification matches for Singles events: Open, Women, Seniors if they are enough competitors

### Q 12:30 pm

End of all competitions of Thursday 18th

### Q 1:30 pm

Elimination matches – SKO

### Q 3:30 pm

DYP for eliminated players - End of registration 15 mn before start. National teams' players cannot take part.

### Q 7:00 pm

National Teams Competition - Men's Final

### Q 8:00 pm

Award Ceremony for Doubles events by rating categories and National Teams Competitions

### Q 8:30 pm

Elimination matches resume up to finals

### Q 9:00 pm

Official Clinic for referees

# SATURDAY 20

## Q 10:00 am

Start of qualification phase for Doubles events: Open, Women's and Seniors (if they are enough competitors)

## Q 12:00 pm

End of qualification and start of elimination Single KO

## Q 2:00 pm

Start of qualification phase for Newbie Doubles (only Taiwan Newbie Players allow to join)

## Q 3:30 pm

DYP for eliminated players - end of registration 15 minutes before start

## Q 7:00 pm

Elimination matches resume up to finals

## Q 9:00 pm

Official Clinic for referees

# SUNDAY 21

## Q 9:30 am

Start of qualification phase for Mixed Doubles

## Q 10:30 pm

Start of qualification phase for Singles events (P, SP, R, Newbie)

## Q 12:00 pm

End of qualification of Singles events and Mixed Doubles. Start of elimination - Single KO

Awards to be presented to winners at the end of each competition.

## Partners



[www.tablesoccer.com](http://www.tablesoccer.com)



Tai Mall Shopping Center



[www.foosball.tw](http://www.foosball.tw)



Puma Social



Access



**Tai Mall Shopping Center (B2)**  
**Address: No.112, Sec. 1, Nankan Rd., Luzhu Township, Taoyuan County 338**  
**Taiwan (R.O.C.)**

**AIRPORT :**  
 Taoyuan International Airport

**TAXIS :**  
 Taxi is suggested. Taxi fee is around NTD\$400 (USD\$14)

**BUS :**  
 Toward You Air Bus [ 2060 / 2061 ]

Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport Taipei Western Stops: Dayuan, Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, Cargo Terminal, Kuolin, Shuiwei, Xizhou, **Tai Mall**, Nan Kan, Nan Kan interchange, Fortuna Hotel, Ambassador Hotel, Sheraton Hotel Taipei, Taiwan Railway station

# CONTACT US :



✉ : **Taiwan Foosball Association**  
3F-9, No.67, Gaocui Rd.  
Hsinchu 300  
Taiwan

☎ : +886 972693856  
☎ : +886 3 666 7200  
@ : hightimesports@gmail.com  
💻 : www.foosball.tw

✉ : **International Table Soccer Federation**  
3 rue Clermont  
44000 Nantes  
FRANCE

*(from Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm)*

☎ : +33 (0)2 40 47 90 84  
☎ : +33 (0)2 40 20 44 59  
@ : info@table-soccer.org  
💻 : www.table-soccer.org