



Invitation for Umpires for the 2011 Volkswagen World Junior Table Tennis Championships and Advanced Umpire Training Course

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Dear Friends

The ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee (URC), in cooperation with the Organising Committee of the 2011 Volkswagen World Junior Table Tennis Championships, cordially invite National Associations to nominate one or two International Umpires for this prestigious event, which will take place in Manama, Bahrain under the direction of the Bahrain Table Tennis Association from 13 to 20 November 2011. BTTA hospitality starts from *dinner* on 12 November 2011 through to breakfast on 21 November 2011. The nominees, or their Associations, are responsible for all related travel and insurance costs.

You may nominate one International Umpire who has achieved Blue Badge status, or, alternatively, has attended a certified ITTF Advanced Umpire Training (AUT) course and passed the AUT exam. You may also nominate one International Umpire (White Badge) who has been active internationally for at least two years, but has not yet had the opportunity to attend an AUT course. Any nominee in this category should be considered one of your best newer umpires, capable of achieving Blue Badge status within two years. As it is ITTF policy to encourage female participation whenever possible, please encourage your female umpires seriously to consider applying for this prestigious assignment. Umpires need to arrive no later than 12 November 2011 and attend the Referee Orientation planned for the evening.

An Advanced Umpire Training Course (AUT) will also be conducted on 12 November 2011 from 08:30 to 18:00. All qualified White Badge Umpires selected for this event MUST attend this course. Participants (or their Associations) will be responsible for the course fee of US\$40, plus the additional night's accommodation. Certified URC Trainers will conduct field of play evaluations on umpires working at the Championships.

Since this is an open invitation, unfortunately many umpires nominated may not be selected. The selection will be based on geographic boundaries, and an approximately equal division between Blue Badge, Blue Badge in progress and White Badge. The URC will confirm the selection by no later than 12 September 2011 and an announcement will be made on the ITTF website accordingly.

Please forward the duly completed nomination form to the ITTF Office **no later than Tuesday 16 August 2011**. All nominations must be endorsed and submitted by the candidates' National Associations. Late submissions will not be considered.

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Chairperson