

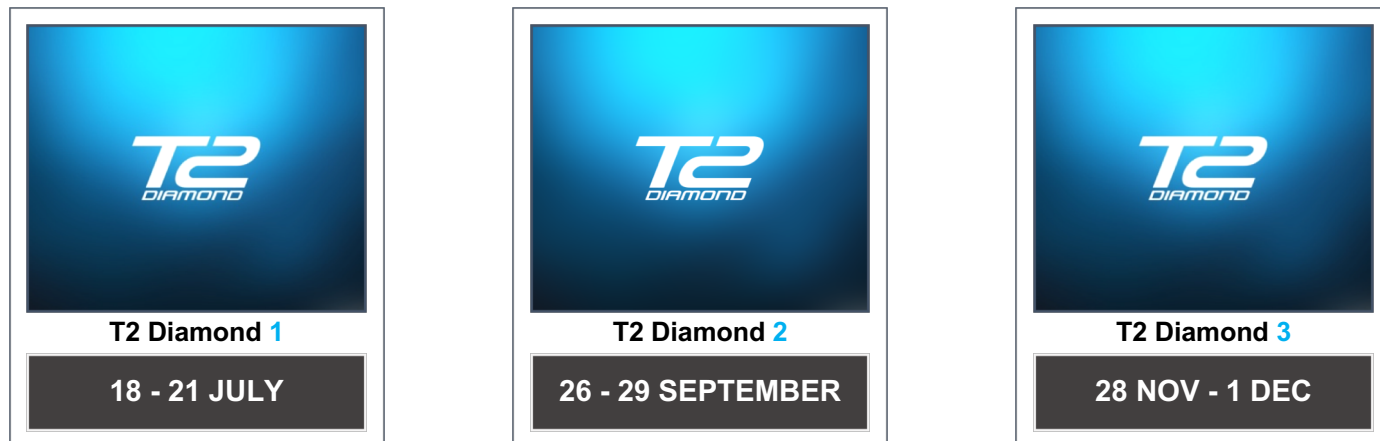


# T2DIAMOND 2019

Overview of Event Qualification and Competition Format

## INTRODUCTION

1. **T2DIAMOND 2019** is a series of **three** professional table tennis events comprising separate but concurrent Men's and Women's Singles Championships.



2. Each Championship consists of the following **16 players**:
  - top-15 players from the relevant **2019 ITTF World Tour Standings**; and
  - one **Host Exemption** selected by the relevant Host City Partner.

## PLAYER QUALIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY

### Player Qualification:



<b>EVENT 1 QUALIFICATION CUT-OFF</b> <b>3 JUNE 2019</b> 15 Men & Women's Top WT Rankings after <b>China Open</b>	<b>EVENT 2 QUALIFICATION CUT-OFF</b> <b>15 JULY 2019</b> 15 Men & Women's Top WT Rankings after <b>Australian Open</b>	<b>EVENT 3 QUALIFICATION CUT-OFF</b> <b>14 OCTOBER 2019</b> 15 Men & Women's Top WT Rankings after <b>German Open</b>
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The top-15 male and female players from the **2019 ITTF World Tour Standings**, at the indicated **qualification cut-off date**, will qualify to compete in the relevant **T2DIAMOND 2019** event.

- If a player qualifies but declines to compete in a **T2DIAMOND 2019** event; the player with the next-highest World Tour Standing Points will become eligible to compete.
- If two or more players have equal World Tour Standing Points, the player(s) with the higher **ITTF World Ranking** as at the qualification cut-off date will qualify in precedence to the other player(s). If two or more players have equal ITTF World Rankings, the player(s) with the higher ITTF World Ranking for the month immediately preceding that of the qualification cut-off date will qualify in precedence to the other player(s).

#### Host Exemption:

- Each Host City Partner will select one (1) male and one (1) female player to participate in the relevant **T2DIAMOND 2019** event as Host Exemptions.
- Each Host Exemption must be ranked in the top-50 of the ITTF World Rankings at the time of selection and must not have qualified to compete in the relevant **T2DIAMOND 2019** event from the World Tour Standings.

*T2, in cooperation with ITTF, reserves the right to approve each Host Exemption.*

## ITTF WORLD RANKING POINTS (Per Event)

Competition Results	ITTF WORLD RANKING POINTS
1 <sup>st</sup> Place (winner)	1000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	800
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	700
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	600
Quarter Finals	500
Round of 16	400

- ❖ All competing players will be awarded **ITTF World Ranking Points**.
- ❖ The **ITTF World Ranking Points** are awarded only as a **bonus, and in addition to the 8 results of the** existing ITTF World Ranking Points of each competing player and will accrue in the World Rankings List after the conclusion of each **T2DIAMOND** event.



## COMPETITION FORMAT



Number of Players	Event Progression
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>16 Men</b> (<i>single elimination knockout</i>)</li> <li><b>16 Women</b> (<i>single elimination knockout</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Round of 16 (Match 1 - 8)</li> <li>Quarter finals (Match 9 - 12)</li> <li>Semi-finals (Match 13 &amp; 14)</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> place (Match 15)</li> <li>Finals (Match 16)</li> </ul>
<b>32 Matches per Event</b>	

## COMPETITION RULES



### Games

1. **Best of 7 games**; Match ends when one player wins **4 games**.
2. All games that commence **before the 24<sup>th</sup> minute of play** will be played to **11 points** *(no 2-point difference)*.
3. **If**, at the 24<sup>th</sup> minute of play, *neither player has won 4 games*, **then** the Match enters a **“play-off game”**
  - a. **“The play-off”** game is played to 5 points *(no 2-point difference)*.
  - a) All remaining games that commence after the 24<sup>th</sup> minute of play are played as play-off games.

### Multi Ball

- Multi Ball play is implemented for all matches.

### Breaks

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 45 Seconds*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 15 Seconds*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 30 Seconds*</li> <li>Every 6 Points</li> </ul>

\* If a players exceeds the allotted break time and is suspected of delaying the game, the umpire's has full discretion to stop the Match Clock.

## PRIZE MONEY (Per Event)

Competition Results	PRIZE PURSE (USD) Per Event
1 <sup>st</sup> Place (winner)	\$100,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$50,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$20,000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$12,000
Quarter Finals	\$7,000
Round of 16	\$5,000

- Combined prize purse of USD 500,000 for each **T2Diamond 2019** event (*USD 250,000 for each of Men's and Women's Championships*).
- A total prize purse of **USD 1,500,000** for all three (3) **T2Diamond 2019** events.

## T2DIAMOND 2019 CHAMPIONS

Players that have accumulated the most Diamond World Ranking Points from **all three (3)** events will be declared the **T2DIAMOND 2019 CHAMPIONS**.

