



LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF
EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
WHERE THE BEST TEAMS OF EUROPE
GATHER

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A challenging task for the Luxembourgish national teams

Draw of the groups for the LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF European Table Tennis Championships

The first preparations for the LIEBHERR 2017 ITTF European Table Tennis Championships near their final stage. Through the early Wednesday evening draw (in the venue of the Team Event) the group-compositions for the 5-day top-competition (from 13th to 17th September) have been finalised. Luxembourgish top player Ni Xia Lin carried out the gripping draw of the teams for the „Championship“, the „Challenge“ and „Standard“ Divisions.

The „referee“ of the Team Event, Stuart Sherlock (ENG), was In charge of the draw in Luxembourg-Kirchberg; he was assisted by the Belgian „ETTU Competition Manager“ Didier Leroy, the Norwegian President of the „ETTU Technical Committee“, Oivind Eriksen, and Event Manager Jean-Marie Linster from Luxembourg.

European Champions Austria will face Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia. The German Ladies, title-holders since the previous event, will meet Hungary, Sweden and Croatia in a group. Ni Xia Lin, the present number 57 in the world ranking, was not lucky in the draw for her team. The hosts will face Romania, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands. Luxembourg men’s team, seeded in the “Championship Division will compete against Sweden, Greece and Russia.

The exact schedules will be published in the next few days.

In the „Championship“ and „Challenge“ Divisions each team plays each other team in everyone of the 4 groups, which entails 3 matches per team in the best-of-five system. At the end of this group phase, the first and second placed will go to the quarter finals and play by k.o. for places 1 to 8, while the third and fourth placed compete for positions 9 to 16. In the „Challenge“ Division the first and second placed compete for positions 17 to 24, whereas the third and fourth place vie for positions 25 to 32. In the „Standard“ Division all matches will be played starting with position 33.

The results of the draw on pages 2 and 3



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Championships Division, Men

Group A

Germany
Croatia
Spain
Belarus

Group C

Sweden
Greece
Russia
Luxembourg

Group B

Portugal
Austria
Slovenia
Slovakia

Group D

France
Romania
Poland
Ukraine

Challenge Division, Men

Group E

England
Denmark
Netherlands
Ireland

Group G

Hungary
Belgium
Finland
Estonia

Group F

Czech Republic
Turkey
Bulgaria
Switzerland

Group H

Italy
Serbia
Israel
Lithuania

Standard Division, Men

Group I

Latvia
Norway
Azerbaijan
Montenegro
Cyprus

Group J

Scotland
Wales
Kosovo
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Macedonia



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Championships Division, Women

Group A

Germany
Hungary
Sweden
Croatia

Group B

Romania
Czech Republic
Netherlands
Luxembourg

Group C

Austria
Portugal
Ukraine
Spain

Group D

Poland
Russia
France
Belarus

Challenge Division, Women

Group E

Slovakia
Lithuania
Switzerland
Finland

Group F

Serbia
Belgium
Italy
Denmark

Group G

Turkey
Wales
Azerbaijan
Bulgaria

Group H

England
Slovenia
Greece
Israel

Standard Division, Women

Group A

Norway, Estonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Latvia, Scotland, Macedonia