

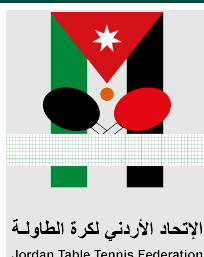


# 2021 ITTF World Hopes Week & Challenge

Amman (JOR), 8-14 December

**INVITATION & PROSPECTUS**

**Jointly organized and proudly presented by:**



## 1. Partners and Contacts

<b>Organizers:</b>	Jordan Table Tennis Federation ITTF High Performance & Development
<b>ITTF Contact Persons:</b>	<b>Dora JELER</b> Head of High Performance & Development Operations <a href="mailto:djeler@ittf.com">djeler@ittf.com</a>
<b>Local Organizing Contact:</b>	<b>Abdul Aziz Reda</b> Secretary General, Jordan Table Tennis Federation <a href="mailto:jor_ttf@yahoo.com">jor_ttf@yahoo.com</a>

## 2. Key Dates and Activities

<b>Qualification:</b>	Continental Hopes activities in combination with Hopes Around the Clock
<b>Wild Cards applications:</b>	1-15 October 2021
<b>Wild Card Selection announced:</b>	22 October 2021
<b>MA player confirmation to ITTF:</b>	Within 5 working days of notification
<b>Deadline for Entry &amp; Visa (MAs):</b>	10 November 2021 <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/6UPNu5WgUm">https://forms.office.com/r/6UPNu5WgUm</a>
<b>Deadline for Travel and Hospitality:</b>	20 November 2021 <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/1agPHNWiVm">https://forms.office.com/r/1agPHNWiVm</a>
<b>Online Education Course:</b>	12 November – 3 December 2021
<b>Arrival and Departure Dates:</b>	7 and 15 December 2021
<b>Coaches Meeting:</b>	9am on 8 December 2021
<b>Training Camp and Educational Sessions:</b>	8-13 December 2021
<b>Challenge tournament:</b>	13-14 December (start 13 December pm)
<b>Evaluation Report Published:</b>	21 December 2021

## 3. Venue and Hospitality

<b>Venue:</b>	Princess Sumaya Hall Al-Hussein Sports City Amman
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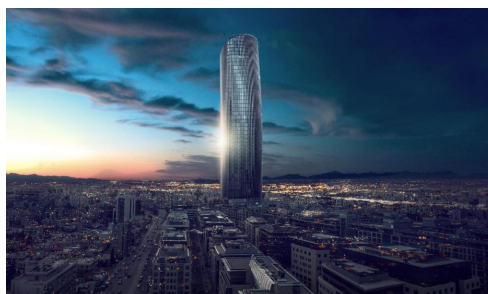


## Hospitality for Official Delegations:

### Amman Rotana

Al Sawosana Al Sawoda Street - Abdali, P.O. Box 926111, Amman 11190,  
Amman  
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## Participants and Reserves:

The number of entries is limited to 20 girls and 20 boys applying the following quota per gender:

- 3 places each for Asia, Americas and Europe,
- 2 places for Africa,
- 1 place each for Oceania and Host MA,
- Up to 7 Wild Cards.

Players nominated for the World Hopes Week but not confirmed by the Member Association or failing to attend for any reason, will be replaced from the worldwide reserves' list, which will be based on the Wild Card application submissions; please note that selection of reserve players will disregard continental quotas.

## Official Hospitality Package:

The Official Hospitality Package (OHP) for players and coaches includes the following:

- accommodation at the Amman Rotana Hotel in twin rooms,
- meals on full board basis,
- free Wi-Fi access,
- pick-up and drop-off at Amman Airport on the official arrival day (7 December) and official departure day (15 December) only. Please be reminded that arrival or departure at any other day may incur additional costs and is at the discretion of the organizer. The same applies to travel details that are submitted past the deadline (20 November).

## Participation Support:

In cooperation with its partners ITTF secured the support to cover full hospitality for:

- 40 qualified players;
- one coach nominated by the Member Association per player. If two players from the same Member Association qualify, ITTF will support two coaches only if at least one is female.

**Insurance and Indemnity:**

All the participants, players and coaches, must have a valid travel insurance covering but not limited to related travel, medical and life insurance; ITTF and the Organizers are not liable for any injury or loss.

During the entire duration of the activity players must be supervised by their coaches.

The Organizers will appoint a female contact person for possible gender related matters, but nevertheless please note that according to the ITTF Policy Member Associations are responsible for all the supervision and wellbeing of their participants, whereby a coach (or Manager) from the Member Association must attend with the players, ideally a female where female players are concerned.

**Accompanying/Additional Persons:**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, active participants of the 2021 ITTF World Hopes Week will be encouraged to remain in a soft bubble for the duration of the activity. As such, we would not advise Accompanying Persons to travel to Jordan, as they would not be considered part of the bubble. Access to the training and competition hall or travel on the official shuttle busses will not be permitted, and access to the participants' rooms will be restricted.

Should your delegation still wish to include Accompanying Persons, all bookings for the official hotel must be made through the organizer.

Please note that the official accommodation package is not available to accompanying persons, including parents.

**Visas:**

Please send a scanned copy of the passport of all the members of your official delegation to:

**Abdul Aziz REDA** ([jor\\_ttf@yahoo.com](mailto:jor_ttf@yahoo.com))

and

**Dora JELER** ([djeler@ittf.com](mailto:djeler@ittf.com))

by 10 November 2021.

In case your delegation will include Accompanying Persons they have to arrange their Visas accordingly, i.e. through the Hotels they will be staying at, regardless of whether the booking was facilitated by the Organizers.

**Covid requirements**

**It is the responsibility of the Member Association to ensure that their delegation is familiar with and has fulfilled all COVID-19 entry requirements as required for their country of residence by the Jordanian government at the time of entry (including potential vaccination requirements), and to inform the LOC of any potential pre-departure testing needed before departing Jordan. All pre-departure tests will be at cost to the Member Association and will have to be paid on site.**

Updates on COVID-19 protocol to be applied during the training camp will be shared with participants prior to the activity.

## 4. Training Camp

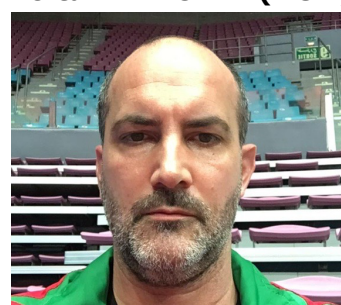
### Coaching Team:

#### Head Coaches:

**Eva JELER (AUS)**



**Zoltan BATORFI (HUN)**



**Assistant Coaches:** Matilda Ekholm (SWE), Pacinthe Osman (EGY), Ahmed Al-Mohannadi (QAT)

**ITTF High Performance:** ITTF High Performance Elite Coach Massimo Costantini, ITTF High Performance Manager Dominique Plattner

### Tables:

20-22 tables

### Training Partners:

4 high level training partners

## 5. Educational Sessions

### Compulsory Pre-Activity Online Course:

An online course will be set up in the period from 12 November to 3 December, and completion will be compulsory for all the coaches who will attend the activity.

Coaches not completing the online course and/or not attending the educational sessions onsite without due reason will be invoiced 50% of their WHW&C hospitality. Failing to do so will also diminish the chances for the player to be selected to the follow up activities and eventually the Hopes Team.

One (1) presentation on site is reserved for the participating coaches. The best online submitted assignment will be the 4<sup>th</sup> educational session. The coach will be rewarded with an ITTF Educational Coaching Scholarship to the value of up to US\$1,000 to be used in 2022 for specific needs of the coach selected and agreed with ITTF in advance.

ITTF High Performance & Development would like to encourage coaches to share their knowledge and experience not only in the hall, but also through well-defined and presented topics related to working with players between 9-15 years old.

Several of the best presentations will be published on our website, [www.ittfeducation.com](http://www.ittfeducation.com).

**Number of Educational Sessions on site:** Four educational sessions, 60-90 minutes each.  
Coaches' Attendance is compulsory.

## 6. Tournament (World Hopes Challenge)\*

**Events:**

1. Boys' Singles
2. Girls' Singles

**Format\*:**

1. Boys' and Girls' Singles:
  - a. the events shall be organized in two stages: qualifications and main draw. All matches will be played as best of five (5) games;
  - b. The seeding will be determined by the evaluation panel;
  - c. the qualifications will be played in a round robin system, while a progressive knockout system will apply for the main draw;
  - d. in the qualification stages players shall be divided into four (4) round robin groups of five (5) players; the first and second player from each group shall advance to the main draw positions 1-8; the third, fourth and fifth player from each group will play for position 9-20;
  - e. winners and runners-up advancing from the same group will be drawn into different halves in the main draw; at least two players finishing on third, fourth and fifth position will be drawn into different halves;
  - f. players who finished first in their round robin groups will be drawn against players who finished second in their round robin groups.
  - g. players who finished third will receive a bye for the first round main draw positions 9-20, while players, who finished fourth and fifth will meet in the first round.

\*Since this is not an official ITTF competition, ITTF reserves the right to change the format of the tournament prior to the draw as deemed appropriate for the group present. Coaches will be informed prior to the draw.

## 7. Talent Identification (Evaluation)

**Evaluations:** Based on the ITTF evaluation model eight attributes shall be evaluated by using marks from 1 to 10 (whereby 10 is the best possible mark).  
Two evaluation lists will be produced:

- One by the appointed ITTF Coaching Team that will evaluate all the players.
- The second list will be done by participating coaches. For education purposes and as a part of their assignments coaches will evaluate all the players of the same gender as their own player. Although a number of attributes in our sport are hardly measurable it would be valuable information if each coach can compare his perception of talent evaluation with the opinion of his/her peers and experts.



Coaches shall submit the evaluation through the online form no later than 19 December.

**Final Standing List:** The final standing will be formed by the results of the Hopes Challenge tournament (35% of overall points) and the arithmetic average of the evaluations carried out by the ITTF Coaching Team (65%)

*Tournament points:*

Place:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16	17-18	19-20
Points:	10	8	7	6	5.50	5	4.50	4	3	2.25	1.75	1.50	1.25	1

## 8. Hopes Squad Criteria

**Selection Criteria:** Ten girls and ten boys will be selected for the Hopes Squad, which will offer a qualification pathway for the 2022 ITTF Hopes Team through follow-up activities in 2022.  
The winners of the Challenge shall obtain automatic placement in the Hopes Squad.  
The remaining spots for the follow-up activities will be selected based on the Final Standing List, whereby the player must be ranked 1-10 on the Final Standing List in order to be considered.

All selected players including the winners shall:

- demonstrate the qualities of sportsmanship, expected of someone selected by ITTF, on and off the court and including but not limited to training ethics, respect for other players-coaches-officials and ability to work as member of a team,
- be accompanied by a coach who has completed the online education course, attended the educational sessions and submitted all required evaluation sheets.

**Follow up activity:** In 2022 the Hopes Squad shall be invited for a first follow-up activity as an integral part of the pathway towards selection for the Hopes Team.  
In order to monitor the progress of the Hopes, it is recommended that the members of the Hopes Squad take part in continental or international events (WTT Youth Series) along with their coaches. The world ranking will be taken into account to validate the selection for the follow-up activity.

**Alternates:** A player may be replaced if the Member Association does not confirm the selected player and coach before the given deadline for the follow-up camp. However, possible alternates will be selected based on a further assessment of their performance and development, which will consider the Final Standing List in combination with other criteria mentioned above, i.e. world ranking, participation and results at events, overall progress etc.

**MA Coaches:** The ITTF Hopes Program is an educational opportunity for both coaches and players. It is highly recommended that the coach attending the ITTF World Hopes Week & Challenge accompanies the selected player to any future Hopes activities, provided the player is selected for follow-up activities.

In case of illness or any other valid reasons that require changing a coach, the newly appointed coach will need to complete the online education course before the start of the activities.

The follow-up activities represent the continuation of coaches' education. It is expected that all coaches take a very proactive approach in all communications and assignments.

Please note that ITTF will cover the expenses of the coaches at any stage of the Hopes Program, including hospitality at the 2021 ITTF World Hopes Week & Challenge if they actively work as coaches on a regular basis in their home Member Association organizations (school, club, provincial, regional or national level), are willing and able to actively assist in coaching all participating players as required, are recognized by their Member Associations and are able to provide a national or other coaching certificate, and have successfully completed the pre-activity online course. In addition, the upload of a three-minute multi-ball session may be requested. In case the online course has not been completed, 50% of the hospitality costs will be covered. Other coaches are welcome but financial support is limited to active coaches willing and able to assist all players.

## Think globally, act locally and see you in Amman!

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ITTF High Performance Elite Coach

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