



DEAR SPORT FRIENDS:

For the National Table Tennis Federation of Costa Rica (FECOTEME) is a great pleasure to invite you all to the 1st COPA COSTA RICA from the 10th to 15th of August 2010.

We are working real hard so that all the expectations of a great tournament can be fulfilled and all of you who desire to come here receive all you deserve.

We expect you support us in this great effort, come here to participate and enjoy the beauties of our country.

This tournament is also going to be the first one organized in this region so we expect it would develop our sport in all the countries near by and receive an important number of new players.

We want you to know that COPA COSTA RICA has received the honour of being declared by our government as a "National Interest Sport Event", so it would receive a lot of importance, media coverage and of course public.

The Organizing Committee will try to organize this tournament as a "World Championship" with special schedules for finals and important matches.

Something very interesting is that the medal winners of classes will receive as an extra award a discount on the entry for COPA COSTA RICA 2011, which we expect and hope to be a Factor 40 tournament.

Also, we know that most of you would want to do some tourism in our country, so, for this reason we have planned in the middle of the tournament one day for recreation and a very interesting tour adapted for disabled. Also, for those who want to stay more days for tourism we are going to prepare very attractive packages to enjoy the natural beauties of this Central American paradise.

As additional and important information, Costa Rica has a special Law (7600) that is dedicated to provide equal opportunities, services and facilities for disabled people. So, you wouldn't have any problems on this matter over here

Hope to see you in august in our beautiful country,

Domingo Arguello
Director PTT DIVISION
FECOTEME



ORGANIZER:	Federación Costarricense de Tenis de Mesa (FECOTEME) Costa Rica NTTA
FACTOR:	20 Sanctioned by ITTF PTT
COMPETITION VENUE	National Gymnasium of Costa Rica
PRACTICE VENUE	Esgrima Gymnasium (25 mts from Main Venue)
ACCOMMODATION:	HOTEL BEST WESTERN IRAZÚ General Cañas Hwy KM3, San José, Costa Rica
DISTANCES FROM HOTEL:	8 miles from Airport 1.5 miles from Venue 2 miles from Downtown San Jose
AIRPORT	Intl. Airport Juan Santamaría. (SJO)
ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE:	Arrival of teams: August 10th, 2010 Departure of teams August 15th, 2010
TRANSPORTATION:	Transport from airport to the hotel and vice versa, and from the hotel to the venue and vice versa is free of charge and provided by FECOTEME and Hotel Irazú. All vehicles and buses are adapted for disabled.
FORMAT OF GAME	All events will be played in accordance with ITTF and ITTF PTT rules. Every match will be played to the best of five sets.



COMPETITION RULES:	The Tournament will be played in accordance with the rules of ITTF PTT.
GENERAL RULES	The organizer (in consent with TD) reserves the right to cancel any event/combine events in case there are not enough entries for the event to take place. Any player effected by this procedure will be informed in time for him/her to be placed in a higher class event (except for class 5, and 10 players who should in this case be combined with the lower class or the lower class combination).
SEEDING	All competitors will be seeded in order of ranking, according to the International World Ranking List of July 1st, 2010
EQUIPMENT	Sports equipment for both competition and practice will comply with ITTF PTT rules: Tables: STAG – accessible for wheelchair players Balls: STAG 3 stars Counters: STAG Boards: STAG
UNIFORMS	During competitions all participants and officials must be dressed according to ITTF rules.
REFEREES/UMPIRES:	National and International ITTF PTT Referees and Umpires
ENTRY FEE	400 EUR per team member The fee includes transportation, accommodation in double rooms for 5 nights (extra charge for single rooms and extra nights), all meals (beginning with dinner on August 10 th and finishing with breakfast on December 15 th), closing banquet and party, one day tour and ITTF PTT capitation fee. Extra night: 60 EUR p/person Extra charge for single room: 35 EUR p/ night



VISA

Your team members might need a visa for your stay in Costa Rica.
Please ask your government or the embassy in your country if you require one. If you need any help in this matter please let us know.

INSURANCE

Each national sports federation (or NPC) is responsible for the appropriate insurance for accidents, health, property and liability of their team members.

EVENTS

The following categories are going to be staged:
Women/Men: - standing
- wheelchair (WC)

	Women standing	Men standing	Women WC	Men WC
single	5 classes	5 classes	5 classes	5 classes
teams	5 classes	5 classes	5 classes	5 classes
Open	1 class	1 class	1 class	1 class

Number of classes will be changed according to **entries and the decision of TD and OC** .

COMPETITION RULES

The championship will be played in accordance with the rules of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) with the amendments established by the **Para Table Tennis Division**.

COMPETITION AND PRACTICE GROUND

Playing areas will follow the **ITTF PTT** rules.

CLASSIFICATION

All players must hold international classification card. Players without international classification card have to be classified by the international classifiers according to the **ITTF PTT** Rules before the tournament. Such classification is subject to the subsequent approval of the official classification panel at the competition.



TRAINING CAMP

To be decided.

MEDICAL CARE SERVICES

First Aid services will be available during competition days.

ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT

First Entry Forms (by numbers) must be returned to the Organizing Committee by May 1st, 2010 at the latest, together with the deposit of 100 EUR per person (25% of total entry fee).

The first entry fee is a non refundable amount !

Entries can be sent by mail or fax and acceptance will be confirmed from the Organizing Committee.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

AUGUST 10th	Arrival of teams, Classification, Practice and Technical Meetings
AUGUST 11th	Open Event and Group Single Events
AUGUST 12th	Groups Single Events + Single Finals
AUGUST 13th	Start of Team Events and/or Tour and Recreational Day
AUGUST 14th	Finals Team Event , Banquet and Farewell Party
AUGUST 15th	Departure of teams

**TECHNICAL DELEGATE
appointed by – IPTTC**

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