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Welcome to the 2016 Canadian Table Tennis Championships in Winnipeg.

In the coming days, the best table tennis athletes from across the country will face off against one another and make the most of their countless hours of training in order to try to take home the coveted title of national champion. Skill, speed and strategy will be front and centre at what promises to be a spirited competition, both for the athletes and the spectators who have come to cheer them on.

As Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, I would like to thank Table Tennis Canada, the Manitoba Table Tennis Association, and all the coaches, the officials, the many volunteers and the athletes who have brought these championships to life. Best of luck to everyone taking part. Canada is behind you!

Bienvenue aux Championnats canadiens de tennis de table de 2016 à Winnipeg.

Au cours des prochains jours, les meilleurs pongistes de partout au pays se mesureront les uns aux autres et mettront à profit leurs nombreuses heures d'entraînement afin de récolter le titre tant convoité de champion national. Adresse, rapidité et stratégie seront au rendez-vous dans ce qui promet d'être une compétition enlevante, tant pour nos athlètes que pour les spectateurs venus les applaudir.

À titre de ministre des Sports et des Personnes handicapées, je remercie Tennis de table Canada, l'Association de tennis de table du Manitoba, ainsi que tous les entraîneurs, les officiels, les nombreux bénévoles et les athlètes qui donnent vie à ces championnats. Bonne chance à tous les participants. Le Canada est derrière vous!

The Honourable / L'honorable Carla Qualtrough

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A Message from the Minister

On behalf of Manitoba's new government, I am pleased to welcome everyone to Winnipeg for the 2016 Canadian Table Tennis Championships.

Organizational flair, a dedicated volunteer contingent, prairie hospitality and community pride have all contributed to Winnipeg's impressive reputation as a quality host site for major sporting events.

These national championships bring together talented athletes from across Canada, inviting them to hone their skills in competition with the finest table tennis players in the country. The athletes deserve our congratulations for earning the honour of representing their provinces at the national level – a sports milestone to which many others only aspire.

Congratulations to the championship volunteers, organizers, sponsors and supporters for your important roles in the advancement of amateur sport in Manitoba and across Canada. I wish you continued success.

**The Honourable Rochelle Squires, Minister
Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage**





Mayor's Message

It is my pleasure to extend greetings to everyone attending the 2016 Canadian Table Tennis Championships, hosted by the Manitoba Table Tennis Association in Winnipeg.

On behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg and my City Council colleagues, we welcome you as our guests for this very special celebration. It is our honour to be your host for this exciting event.

I would like to commend the organizers for the hard work that goes into coordinating this terrific celebration of athletic excellence. Table tennis is a captivating and challenging sport that requires focus and discipline and I would like to recognize the talented athletes for all their dedication and enthusiasm. Special thanks are also due to the countless volunteers, coaches, and parents for their unwavering support of our players.

If you are visiting from out of town, I hope that you will enjoy our warm hospitality and visit some of our iconic attractions, including our beautiful Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the Journey to Churchill exhibit at the Assiniboine Park Zoo. Winnipeg has a diverse cultural and arts community, as well as a variety of restaurants, shopping experiences, and local sporting events for you to explore and enjoy.

I would like to extend my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event and I wish all those participating the best of luck. Let the games begin!

Sincerely,

Mayor Brian Bowman,
City of Winnipeg





On behalf of Sport Manitoba, I am pleased to welcome all athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, sponsors, organizers and spectators to the Canadian Table Tennis Championships.

Sport Manitoba is proud to provide support and resources to the Manitoba Table Tennis Association. It is our shared goal to ensure that this event is a success and to promote the pursuit of sporting excellence among Manitobans. Interprovincial competition represents an important stage in the long-term development of Canada's athletes. Enjoy this tournament and the experience it offers, as competing with your peers from across Canada advances you in your sport.

Thank you to the many staff and volunteers who have dedicated their expertise and resources to put on this event. Your hard work is appreciated. We also recognize the commitment of the parents, caregivers, and spouses who play an integral role in the success of our programs. Thank you for supporting your family in their chosen sport and for the time you give throughout the table tennis season and beyond.

Best wishes to all the athletes and coaches in your pursuit of excellence at these national championships and in future competitions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurel Read". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Laurel Read
Interim CEO
Sport Manitoba





Message from the Manitoba Table Tennis Association

On behalf of the Manitoba Table Tennis Association, I would like to welcome all the players, coaches, officials, delegates and guests of the 2016 Canadian Table Tennis Championships. I especially want to thank Table Tennis Canada, Sport Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg and the University of Winnipeg for their contributions to this prestigious event.

So many people have contributed so much to make this great showcase of Canadian table tennis players a reality. We will have an opportunity to see players that will be representing Canada in upcoming Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, as well as future table tennis stars. Thank you to all the volunteers, especially members of the Local Organizing Committee, who have given their time and talents. Your hard work and dedication will make this event a great one.

Butterfly Canada, our National Team sponsor and event sponsor, has been a terrific partner. Tourism Winnipeg, the Holiday Inn and WestJet have all made significant financial contributions to the championships. In addition, I would like to thank Boston Pizza, Broadway Florists, CIBC, Dilawri's Crown Auto Group, Garbonzo's Pizza, Hillary Production Machining Ltd., Homers, Investors Group, Karpaty Meats & Deli, Kinsmen, Mack's Laser Engraving and Woodworking, Mercedes-Benz Winnipeg, Real Estate News, Ryerson, Sorrento's, Stella's, True North Sports and Entertainment, Winnipeg Blue Bombers, as well as Superstore and Safeway. We greatly appreciate all our sponsors' support.

We hope everyone enjoys the competition. We encourage all the competitors to play their best and enjoy our wonderful city and hospitality.

Good luck to all!

Sincerely,

Darek Mikita
President, Manitoba Table Tennis Association
LOC Chair



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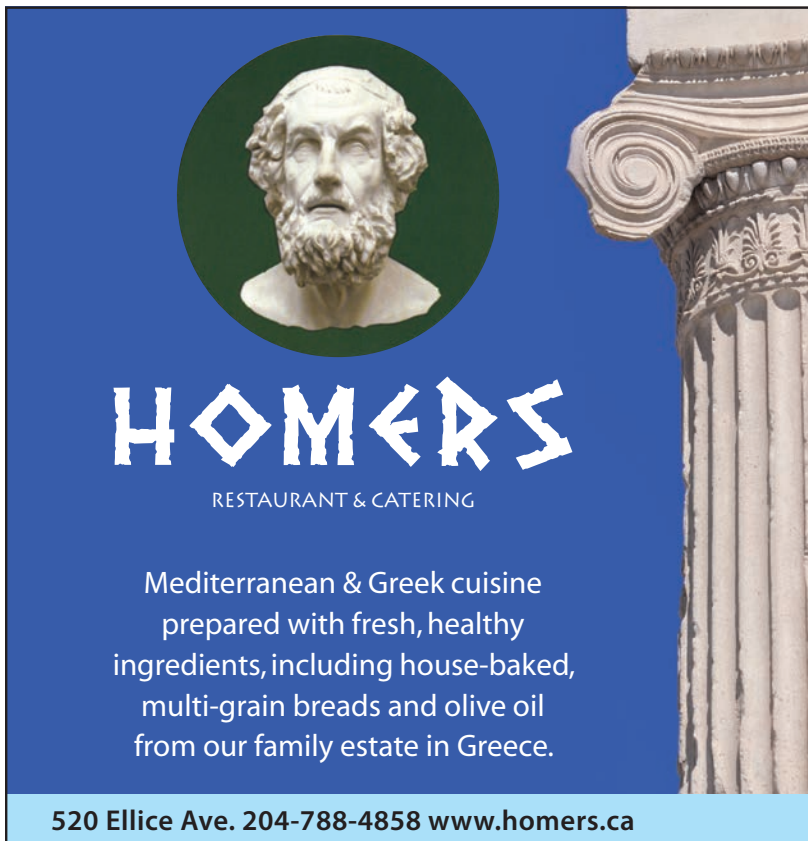
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Junior Boys U18 :	Junior Girls U18:
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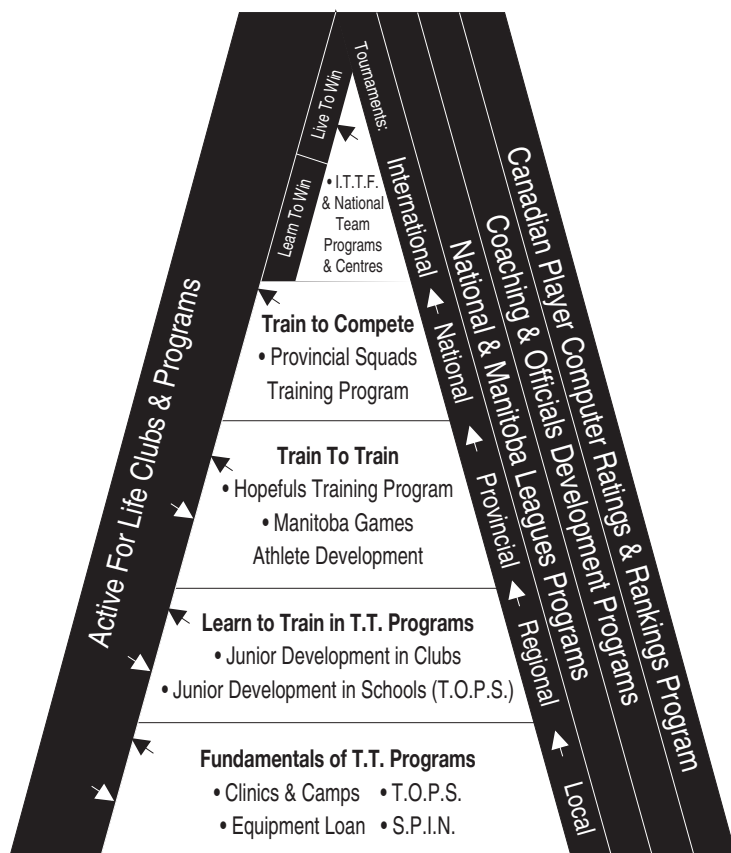


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Canadian Champions through the Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
2015	Peirre-Luc Theriault	Zhang Mo	1979	Errol Caetano	Mariann Domonokos
2014	Wang Zhen	Zhang Mo	1978	Alex Polisois	Mariann Domonokos
2013	Wang Zhen	Zhang Mo	1977	Errol Caetano	Mariann Domonokos
2012	Wang Zhen	Shirley Fu	1976	Errol Caetano	Rupa Banerjee
2011	Pierre-Luc Hinse	Shirley Fu	1975	Errol Caetano	Violetta Nesukaitis
2010	Pradeeban Peter-Paul	Zhang Mo	1974	Errol Caetano	Violetta Nesukaitis
2009	Pradeeban Peter-Paul	Zhang Mo	1973	Errol Caetano	Violetta Nesukaitis
2008	Duan Yongjun	Sara Yuen	1972	Larry Lee	Violetta Nesukaitis
2007	Zhang Peng	Judy Long	1971	Derek Wall	Violetta Nesukaitis
2006	Zhang Peng	Zhang Mo	1970	Derek Wall	Violetta Nesukaitis
2005	Zhang Peng	Zhang Mo	1969	Larry Lee	Violetta Nesukaitis
2004	Pradeeban Peter-Paul	Zhang Mo	1968	Derek Wall	Violetta Nesukaitis
2003	Bence Csaba	Petra Cada	1967	Modris Zulpis	Violetta Nesukaitis
2002	Bence Csaba	Lijuan Geng	1966	Larry Lee	Violetta Nesukaitis
2001	Johnny Huang	Lijuan Geng	1965	Larry Lee	Violetta Nesukaitis
2000	Haitao Geng	Lijuan Geng	1964	Klaus Katzenmeier	Denise Hunnius
1999	Haitao Geng	Lijuan Geng	1963	Max Marinko	Denise Hunnius
1998	Haitao Geng	Lijuan Geng	1962	Max Marinko	Velta Adminis
1997	Carl Xuan	Lijuan Geng	1961	Max Marinko	Denise Hunnius
1996	Frances Trudel	Lijuan Geng	1960	Max Marinko	Joy Owens
1995	Frances Trudel	Lijuan Geng	1959	Max Marinko	Sofie Kasperaviclute
1994	Horatio Pintea	Lijuan Geng	1958	Pranas Gvildys	Jenny(Kasptonis) Marinko
1993	Johnny Huang	Lijuan Geng	1957	Max Marinko	Susan Schmideck
1992	Johnny Huang	Lijuan Geng	1956	Max Marinko	Joan Jessop
1991	Gideon Joe Ng	Lijuan Geng	1955	Max Marinko	Jenny Kapostins
1990	Bill Chen	Barbara Chen	1954	Max Marinko	Vivien Levy
1989	Gideon Joe Ng	Barbara Chen	1953	Lionel Cloutier	Jenny Kapostins
1988	Zoran Kasanovic	Julie Barton	1952	Lionel Cloutier	Jenny Kapostins
1887	Horatio Pintea	Cindy Choy	1951	Paul Belanger	Audrey Perkins
1986	Zoran Kasanovic	Mariann Domonokos	1950	M. Deserres	Audrey Perkins
1985	Zoran Kasanovic	Mariann Domonokos	1949	Paul Belanger	
1984	Errol Caetano	Mariann Domonokos	1948	J.J. Desjardins	
1983	Zoran Kasanovic	Mariann Domonokos	1947	J.J. Desjardins	
1982	Zoran Kasanovic	Mariann Domonokos	1941	Lou Beedle	
1981	Errol Caetano	Mariann Domonokos			
1980	Zoran Kasanovic	Mariann Domonokos			



Royle Derbitsky, one of four Manitoba umpires at the 2015 Para PanAm Games

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While watching Table Tennis, spectators may use this handy condensed version of the Laws/Rules to better understand the game.

A Layman's Guide to Table Tennis

1. A game goes to 11 points. A player or pair must win by 2 points. Matches are best of any odd number of games.
2. To decide the first serve, flip a coin or disk. The winner can choose **either** to serve or receive first **or** choose ends.^{1*} The loser then has the other choice.
3. Each player alternately serves 2 balls at a time. If by accident the server is not changed after 2 points, then the correction should be made immediately, but any point scored before the mistake was discovered, still stands.
4. If the score reaches 10-10 (deuce), change serves after every point until one player wins by two points.
5. To serve, toss the ball up vertically from the flat palm to a height of at least 6 inches/16 cm (about the height of the net) and strike the ball on the way down. The ball and the racket must be behind the end line and above the table level while serving.
6. The serve must bounce first on the server's side, cross over the net without touching it and land anywhere on the other side of the table. If the serve hits the net and lands on the opposite side (a net serve), serve over until a good serve is made. There is no limit to the number of net serves.^{2*}
7. A rally begins as soon as the server tosses up the ball. If the server does not serve the ball after it is tossed up, or if he misses it, the opponent gets a point.
8. The receiver must allow the ball to hit his side of the table before striking it with his racket. If the ball hits the hand below the wrist and goes over the net and hits the other side, it is a good return. But if it hits his hand and then his racket, it is a "double hit" and the opponent gets a point.
9. A return (not a serve) touching the net and striking the other side of the table is good.
10. A player loses a point if he touches the table with the free hand, moves the table or touches the net or net posts during a point, or if he touches the ball over the playing surface before it touches the table.

11. Switch ends of the table after each game and at 5 in the deciding game of a match.^{3*}
12. The player who received first in a game serves first in the next game of a match, except in doubles.^{4*}
13. Players should not wear shirts or shorts that have the same colour of the ball.
14. A racket blade must be covered with rubber, one side black and the other side, red. The exception is for some "pen-holders" who do not use a side of the blade to strike the ball. In this case that side of the blade must be painted red or black, the opposite colour of the other side covered with rubber.
15. Coaching or giving advice to a player during a game is not permitted. Only between games of a match or during an authorized "Time Out".

^{1*} In doubles, the serving pair decides who is serving first, and then the receiving pair can decide who will receive first.

^{2*} In doubles, the serve must first strike the right side of the server's side, and then the right side of the receiver's side...in other words, the serve must go "cross court".

^{3*} In doubles, when the sides are changed, the server stays the same and the receiver changes. In other words, the sequence of serving and receiving goes back to that of the second game in the match.

^{4*} In doubles, the pair who received first, can decide which of the pair will serve first.

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All medal winners at the 2016 Butterfly Canadian Table Tennis Championships will take home a unique made-in-Manitoba souvenir. The handsome two-part medallion, composed of polished stainless steel and Baltic birch wood, features an image of the majestic plains bison, Manitoba's provincial mammal.

"We wanted to do something special to reflect our excitement at hosting the Nationals," says Darek Mikita, president of the Manitoba Table Tennis Association. "My goal for the whole tournament has been to make use of as many Manitoba companies and suppliers as possible."

The history of the medal's design process reflects the way Manitobans make use of their community connections. The process started with Osama Zaki and Dr. Amel Zaki, members of the MTTA's nationals hosting committee. Their acquaintance Rick MacKenzie has a home-based business, Mack's Laser Engraving and Woodworking.

Last year, Amel had asked Rick to engrave a goodbye present for the MTTA's departing coach Milcho Uzunov. Later, in preparation for the 2016 Nationals, she asked Rick to come up with an original wood design for the medals. Rick used the image of a bison on the face of a table tennis racket, as originally conceived by the MTTA. Local organizing committee member Royle Derbitsky suggested that the same design could be made out of stainless steel using a laser cutting machine that he had seen while on tour of his friend Shane Dickson's company, Hillary Production Machining Ltd.



Meanwhile, Darek had a relationship with Ryerson, a supplier of stainless steel, through his work as vice-president of manufacturing for the transformer builder Carte International. Ryerson agreed to donate the stainless steel, but even with free material, the trophies were too expensive. It turned out that Hillary was a Carte supplier. Darek took control by speaking directly to Shane. Together they came up with the idea of cutting a medallion using the donated steel from Ryerson and the laser at Hillary. The idea was to have Hillary's laser machine engrave directly onto the medallions at the same time they were being cut.

Mack's Laser Engraving, however, could engrave onto the steel with a better result at a lower cost, and would also assemble the medals by gluing the wood to the metal medallions. Ryerson donated a sheet of 14-gauge No. 4 polished stainless steel, 74-1,000th-inch thick. Hillary donated the laser cutting of the medallions and Rick offered a significant discount on his work. Hillary cut 493 3-1/2-inch circular medallions using a precision 4,000-watt laser, valued at \$780,000. They also cut a slot in each of the medallions so they can hang on a lanyard or ribbon.

Darek took the stainless steel medallions to Mack's to engrave the information on the 235 medallions needed for the tournament with the categories and rankings of gold, silver and bronze. Then Mack's glued the wood to the stainless steel. (The leftover medallions have been saved for future use.)

"This has been a real group effort," Darek says. "We hope the winners take the medals home with fond memories of their time at the 2016 Nationals."

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