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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**





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## Exciting Times for Young Talents

*The ITTF is proud to introduce, in cooperation with Tamasu / Butterfly, a new supportive initiative targeting growth and international solidarity through Table Tennis.*

*As a direct follow up on the successful ITTF/Butterfly Solidarity project, running for three years from 2005 to 2007, the ITTF is now ready to launch the **ITTF World HOPES Team - powered by Butterfly.***

*Over a period of three years Tamasu / Butterfly will invest 5,000 000 Japanese Yen/ year (approx US 50,000 ) to support the **identification, selection and operation of a World Team composed by twelve year old talents from all over the globe.** The successful candidates will be given first class coaching, extensive training opportunities and the possibility to compete at targeted events in the new ITTF HOPES category.*

*We are now opening a worldwide search for suitable, promising young players to join the 2009 ITTF World Hopes team. Nominations will be widely accepted from all interested parties such as individual coaches, clubs, local associations and national associations.*

*In the final selection process, all the involved National Associations will be asked to confirm the availability and to secure proper management of the selected athlete. The ITTF Education and Training Department will also work very closely with the identified coaches, offering a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend ITTF Hopes events and to get first class guidance for future adventures in the program.*

**Please note that nominations and applications only will be accepted through the ITTF Website – ITTF Global Junior Section using the official link.**

**With the FUTURE in Mind**

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## ITTF HOPES INTRODUCTION



### VISION:

*“The introduction of an official Hopes category enables the ITTF to become pro/active in the fields of talent scouting and open an ally to promote quality coaching aspects for the benefit of young players. The Hopes events will be monitored from a quality standpoint and at all times reinforce solid technical and tactical development of the game”*

### ITTF GOALS:

- Introduction of the HOPES category at four to six suitable ITTF JC events (if the organizers are interested only) in the year 2009.
- To have the ITTF Hopes category, alongside with the Cadet category, integrated in the ITTF JC event structure from 2010.
- To introduce a special “ Coach of the year award connected to the HOPES category”
- To offer, in 2009, at least two developments and educational training camps at locations TBD – attached to the normal ITTF WJE camp structure and combined with coaching education seminars / clinics.

### NOTES;

- No official ranking list will become available for this age category
- No official point standing for the Hopes series will exist.

### AGE CUT OFF 2009;

- **The ITTF Hopes category will be open for players born on or after 1 Jan 1997.**





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## ITTF WORLD HOPES TEAM 2009



- **Open for athletes born on or after 1 JAN 1997**
- ITTF will select 2 or 3 boys and 2 or 3 girls from the “Global scene of Table Tennis” for the 2009 World HOPES Team.
- **Basic BUDGET allocation will range from US 8000- US 11000 per athlete, based on needs and travel distance to various events.**
- The BUDGET will be controlled and managed by the ITTF Education and Training Department. Funds will be used to cover athletes AIRFARE and HOSPITALITY + COACHING support for the scheduled events.
- Suitable candidates are athletes **“identified as considerable talents”** at the national level with a **readiness to compete at the international level.**
- Involved NATIONAL Association will have to confirm the availability of the selected athletes and APPROVE as well as CONDUCT the entries for the scheduled events. The selected athletes will compete at the identified event for the **ITTF WORLD HOPES team and use designated clothing recognizing them as members of the team. Mikael Andersson ITTF WHT/SWE**
- TAMASU/BUTTERLY will POWER the ITTF World Hopes Team with; Unique Playing UNIFORM and Tracksuit. In addition to this, the ITTF World Hopes team will benefit from expert coaching provided by Butterfly and the ITTF ED Department at training camps and competition.
- **An element of coaching education will be developed and introduced by the ITTF Education Department.**
- The ITTF is currently targeting events in China (Chengdu JC 15-25 JUNE), Austria WSA Camps (JULY), HONG KONG and KOREA (Junior Circuits 5 – 20 AUG) and France (Euro Mini Champs 28-30 AUG). A detailed planning will be available for the selected team members upon confirmation – March 20.





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## HOW to REGISTER CANDIDATES for the ITTF WHT;

**REGISTRATION for the ITTF World HOPES Team is ONLY AVAILABLE through the ITTF web site.**

- Log onto [www.ITTF.com](http://www.ITTF.com) - The ITTF Global Junior Section and look for the ITTF World Hopes LOGO
- The link for registration is ; [www.ittf.com/\\_front\\_page/ittf2.asp?category=wht](http://www.ittf.com/_front_page/ittf2.asp?category=wht)
- Fill out the forms and click submits. An automatic email response/confirmation will be generated containing a password for updating achievements and if necessary to make changes.
- Please note that all application received will be double checked and confirmed by respective national associations.
- The Registration will be OPEN starting from Tuesday 27 JAN until Monday March 2 – 2009.
- The ITTF will announce the successful candidates by EMAIL no later than MARCH 20 – 2009.

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