



ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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2010 ISF WORLD SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The English Schools' Table Tennis Association is pleased to announce its participation in the International School Sport Federation World Schools' Table Tennis Championships to be held in the Czech Republic from 25th – 31st March 2010.

59 teams from around the world will take part in team and individual events which will be staged at the Vut Hall, University of Brno. The championships are for players under 17 years of age.

Morpeth School from Tower Hamlets, London will represent England in the Champion Girls' Team event. The girls face stiff opposition in their group from China, Belgium Flanders and the host country, Czech Republic. The boys from Bedford Modern School have drawn Ireland, Malta, Poland and Slovakia in their group.

The Boys' Nationally Selected Team will meet China, Belgium Flanders, Czech Republic and Israel in their initial group – the Girls' Nationally Selected Team play Chinese Taipei, Belgium Flanders, Israel and Greece in their group.

The ISF is a worldwide organisation, with 80 countries in membership, which has arranged high level sporting events for Champion School Teams and Nationally Selected Teams in a range of sports. Table Tennis was introduced as a full sport in 1995 following a patronage event held in Birmingham in 1993.

As part of its annual programme, the English Schools Table Tennis Association supports school team competitions in Under 11, Under 13, Under 16 and Under 19 age groups for both boys and girls. These events start at Partnership level, then County rounds with winning teams competing in Zone Finals followed by Regional Finals culminating at the Butterfly National School Team Championships. This competition is unique as it is the only event in the table tennis calendar in which school teams throughout the country participate.

ESTTA also organises an individual competition. Again, Partnerships/Counties organise events in the same eight sections with winners competing in the Butterfly National Individual Schools' Championships.

The Association is also involved in International competitions. Representative teams from English Schools take part in annual events with teams from Guernsey, Ireland, Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales.

Players selected for the ISF event will have successfully taken part in some of the above events.

Full details of the ESTTA Delegation and the Draw can be found at www.estta.org.uk

