

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



## Exciting Times for Young Officials Youth Olympic Games - Buenos Aires, Argentina 2018

*The ITTF Education and Training Programme is, in close cooperation with the URC, proud to announce the third edition of the Young Umpires' Project – an exciting educational project targeting young umpires eager for international recognition.*

*In October 2018, it is time for the third Youth Olympic Games to be organized in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Youth Olympic Movement is an important platform for ITTF, not only to highlight the general development and progress of our sport but also to initiate new projects that should strengthen the ITTF brand. Successfully introduced for the Singapore Youth Olympic Games, the Young Umpires' Project is a central piece of that overall process.*

*Our main target is now to engage a quality group of aspiring young officials from all over the world, highly motivated, sharing our ambition to make the Table Tennis event in Buenos Aires a unique and outstanding experience.*

*The ITTF Young Umpires' Project is a world-wide educational project built on the pillars of Ambition, Success and Reward;*

- **Ambition:** Ready to take your official duties of umpiring to the next level?
- **Success:** Participate in an online learning project geared towards international level of umpiring
- **Reward:** Join us in Buenos Aires (with airfare and accommodation paid) as one of a number of international umpires on duty!

***Does it sound interesting enough? We certainly hope so!***

***You are welcome to register as candidates for the ITTF Young Umpires' Project!***

## AMBITION

The ambition behind the ITTF Young Umpires' Project covers several important issues:

- **An educational process to secure quality umpires for international events**
- **Activating the [www.ittfeducation.com](http://www.ittfeducation.com) platform for officials' training and online learning**
- **Fast-tracking promising officials for major events**
- **Recruiting quality officials for our sport**
- **Raising ITTF's profile within the Olympic Family**
- **Deliver a top-quality event**

While the Young Umpires' Project is focused on the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, it will also provide excellent future opportunities for aspiring officials.

Some candidates selected for Buenos Aires, once they have passed the online course and exam, may receive an invitation to officiate at an ITTF Road to Buenos Aires 2018 qualification event.

Our commitment is now to process the applications and select suitable candidates to join a specific educational process aimed at preparing those

umpires selected to give a top performance in Buenos Aires and hopefully major ITTF events beyond that.

Link to the Buenos Aires Local Organizers:

<http://www.buenosaires2018.com/en/>

Please note that nominations will be accepted ONLY through the ittfeducation.com website. [Click here for nomination form](#)

## VISION

The introduction of the ITTF Young Umpires' Project enables ITTF to become actively involved in recruiting ambitious young umpires for a quality introduction to ITTF officiating duties, setting the scene for long term involvement and personal success." Built on the pillars of AMBITION, SUCCESS and REWARD our commitment is to educate, promote and support the selected candidates targeting major events including the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires 2018

## ITTF GOALS

- Boost nominations by individuals and national associations by opening the Young Umpires' Project for [direct nominations \(click here\)](#) on by **25 August 2017 and closing on 1 October 2017**
- Informing successful candidates to enroll to online course by **15 October 2017**
- Up to forty suitable candidates will undertake the course between **1 -30 November 2017**
- Final selection of eight to twelve suitable umpires passing the online examination for Buenos Aires 2018 by **15 December 2017**
- To honor the principles of gender equity in the selection of the Young Umpires
- Finishing training with a possible invitation to officiate at an ITTF Road to Buenos Aires 2018 qualification event
- A two-day extra course planned for Buenos Aires immediately prior to the Games
- All successful candidates will receive a certificate and all successful national umpires will qualify as international umpires with effect from 15 June 2018

## NOTES

- The Young Umpires' Project is open for candidates between 18 and 26 years of age at the time of nomination in good standing with and endorsed by their respective national association
- A course fee of US\$75 will apply for the online course offered for candidates selected
- International or National Umpires' certification as well as extensive recent experience of umpiring is necessary; candidates with international experience will have advantage
- The course will only be available in English so a good working knowledge of English is essential
- Involved National Associations agree actively to promote selected umpires for additional international events in the near future should they be deemed competent and promising

## BASIC CONDITIONS

- Suitable candidates are umpires actively involved in officiating duties on the national and international scene and recognized as responsible and suitable individuals by their respective national association
- Involved national associations will have to confirm the availability and endorse the final nomination of the individual candidate. The nomination process is open to all umpires meeting the basic criteria
- The final benefits will include accreditation as umpire for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games with airfare, hospitality and uniform included
- The Youth Olympic Games will be held 6 to 18 of October 2018
- More detailed information will be available for the selected candidates once the selection process is completed in December 2017
- Final selections will be done by the URC and honor the principles of Universality, Quality Education and Competence

***With the FUTURE in Mind***

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