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1. Structure

The ITTF-Americas Cup San Francisco 2026 will consist in 2 stages, the Preliminary stage will be play on 28th to 29th January 2026 and the Main Draw from 30th January to 1st February 2026.

The event will be played in two individual events:

⇒ Men's Singles and
⇒ Women's Singles.

- **Preliminary stage**
  I. The preliminary stage will play in Knock out system
  II. Any player from Pan America can register for the event through their national association using the ITTF EMS.
  III. All matches shall be played best of five games.
  IV. The players that reach semifinal "four (4) players", will qualify for the Main draw of the ITTF-Americas San Francisco 2026.
  V. Players in this stage can play more than 3 matches per day in case be necessary.

- **Main Draw**
  I. A total of 12 players were invited through the [qualification pathway](#).
  II. The main draw will be played in straight Knock out.
  III. The first round will consist of 12 players invited plus the 4 players coming from the qualification stage.
  IV. The players' that qualified to the Main Draw through the qualification stage will be seeded 13 to 16 following their WR week 5.
  V. All matches shall be played best of 7 games.

2. Draw Procedures

- The seeding and draws will be conducted based on the latest Table Tennis Ranking: World Ranking Week 5 (27 January 2026).

- **Preliminary Stage:** There will be no separation by member association during the qualification rounds.
- **Main Draw:** Players will be drawn according to the seeding list, and separation by member association will be applied.
- If players do not have ranking points, those players will be drawn randomly.

3. Eligibility

- Player's eligibility is regulated by 3.8 and 4.3.6 (ITTF Handbook).

UPDATES   Updates on the document compared to the previous version, appear in grey highlight and are also listed below: