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The Argentina Table Tennis Federation is organizing the ITTF Pan American Junior Table Tennis Championship and the Argentina Junior & Cadet Open in Buenos Aires, Argentina from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

We are pleased to invite 10 International Umpires (IU) to officiate at those events. Associations are requested to nominate a maximum of two IUs.

You may nominate the following:

1. ONE IU who has achieved Blue Badge status, or, alternatively, has attended a certified ITTF Advanced Umpire Training (AUT) course and passed the Advanced Rules Exam (ARE); and
2. ONE International Umpire (White Badge) who has been active internationally for at least two years, but has not yet attended an AUT course. Any nominee in this category should be one of your best newer umpires, capable of achieving Blue Badge status within two years.

It is ITTF policy to encourage female participation whenever possible, so please encourage your female umpires seriously to consider applying for this prestigious assignment. As an incentive, if one of the umpires nominated in 1 or 2 above is female, you may also nominate one extra umpire in the Blue Badge or Blue Badge in progress category.

Please submit your nominations to the Argentina Table Tennis Federation by email [administracion@fatm.org.ar](mailto:administracion@fatm.org.ar), [arbitraje@fatm.org.ar](mailto:arbitraje@fatm.org.ar) with a copy to Freddy Almendariz [freddyav16@gmail.com](mailto:freddyav16@gmail.com), of the nominated umpires no later than April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017, using the attached nomination form.

An AUT course will also be conducted on 17 June 2017 from 08:30 to 18:00 thus arrivals for WB umpires will be on 16 June 2017. All qualified White Badge Umpires selected for this event MUST attend this course and take the ARE. Participants (or their Associations) will be responsible for the course and advanced rules exam fee of US\$50 (or US\$30 for each of the AUT course or ARE exam if candidates have already done one of the two), plus the additional hospitality night's accommodation. Certified URC Trainers will conduct field of play evaluations for umpires working at the Championships.

This is an open invitation and therefore not all nominated umpires may be accepted. Only nominations submitted by Associations by the deadline will be considered. The names of those IUs accepted will be sent to you by no later May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

Should your nominated umpire need a visa, please send us the relevant details when submitting your nomination (full name as in passport, date of birth, place of birth, passport number, date of expiry of passport). We will issue an invitation letter for your umpire. Please note that all costs associated with the visa application are for your or the umpire's account. Please note that the consulate will issue visas in its sole discretion.



All invited umpires must organize their own transportation (air) to Ezeiza International Airport as well as travel and medical insurance. The Organiser offers free hospitality in a twin or triple room sharing with another umpires from lunch on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 until breakfast on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017, as well as transportation from and to Ezeiza International Airport (IATA CODE: EZE). Each umpire will receive US\$25 per competition day.

Please ensure that the IUs bring the recommended ITTF IU uniform, and note that ITTF URC will conduct AUT, ARE and evaluations for all umpires.

Yours faithfully  
Argentina Table Tennis Federation