



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

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To: Member Associations

Subject: Postponement of three ITTF events in Italy.

Dear Presidents, dear Secretaries General,

Following the rapid development of the COVID-19 outbreak in Italy, and particularly in the Northern regions, the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and the Italian Table Tennis Federation (FITET), held conference calls over the last 48 hours, to monitor and discuss the situation.

The Regional Government of Friuli Venezia Giulia (where Lignano Sabbiadoro is located) and the Regional Government of Emilia Romagna (where Riccione is located), have issued both emergency decrees as well as recommendations in regard to public gatherings.

Based on the recent experiences in other countries where the COVID-19 has spread, it is not foreseen that the situation will be reverted quickly.

Once again, as happened only 48 hours ago with the postponement of the World Table Tennis Championships, the ITTF has to consider the health of the players as the top priority, and jointly with the FITET, it has been decided to postpone the following three events:

- ITTF World Junior Circuit Premium Italy Junior & Cadet Open, Lignano (ITA): 11-15 Mar
- ITTF Fa20 Lignano Masters Open 2020, Lignano (ITA): 18-21 Mar
- ITTF Challenge Italian Open, Riccione (ITA): 1-5 Apr

At this point, it is not clear whether the events will be resumed this year or in 2021. Together with the FITET and the Public and Health Authorities in Italy, the ITTF will continue monitoring the situation and will inform in due time of any updates.

Yours sincerely,



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