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## GERMAN OPEN 2024

Nordhorn, May 09<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

### REGULATIONS and INVITATION

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY

An international open table tennis tournament exclusively for people with Parkinson's disease.

#### 2. ORGANISER

PingPongParkinson Deutschland e. V.  
Korbweidenweg 5  
48531 Nordhorn  
[go@pingpongparkinson.de](mailto:go@pingpongparkinson.de)

#### 3. CLASSES

Singles	Women: 3 classes, Men: 3 classes with up to 60 places each per class
Doubles	Women: 3 classes, Men: 3 classes with up to 32 Doubles each per class
Mixed	3 classes with up to 64 pairs

#### 4. PLAYING SYSTEM

##### Singles

Preliminary round in groups of preferably 6 players, each playing against each other. First, second and third place will advance to the main round, the others to the consolation round. The main round and the consolation round will be played in a single-elimination system.

##### Doubles and Mixed

Preliminary round in groups of preferably 4 pairings, each playing against each other. First and second place will advance to the main round, the others to the consolation round. The main round and the consolation round will be played in a single-elimination system.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

Monday, May 06<sup>th</sup> 2024 (address: Von-Behring-Straße 2, Nordhorn)  
19.30 Training

Tuesday, May 07<sup>th</sup> 2024 (address: Barbarastraße 17, Nordhorn)  
11.00 – 15.00 Accreditation, training and meet at PPP

Wednesday, May 08<sup>th</sup> 2024 (address: Barbarastraße 17, Nordhorn)  
14.00 – 18.00 Accreditation, training and meet at PPP, afterwards: set up



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Thursday, May 09<sup>th</sup> 2024 (Venue)

08.00	Accreditation and training
09.00	Latest possible arrival
09.30	Opening ceremony
10.00	Singles individual preliminary round in groups
17.15	End of the first matchday

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 (Venue)

10.00	Doubles preliminary round in groups
13.30	Singles main and consolation round in groups in knockout system, last 32
15.00	Mixed preliminary round in groups
17.30	End of the second matchday

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 (Venue)

10.00	Doubles main and consolation rounds in knockout system, last 16 and 8 respectively
13.00	Singles main and consolation rounds in knockout system, last 16 and 8 respectively
16.30	Mixed main and consolation rounds in knockout system, last 16 and 8 respectively
18.30	End of the third matchday
19.30	Players' Party

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 (Venue)

10.00	Mixed main/consolation round semi-finals
10.40	Doubles main/consolation round semi-finals
11.20	Singles main/consolation round semi-finals
12.00	Singles main round semi-finals
14.20	Mixed main/consolation round finals
15.00	Doubles main/consolation round finals
15.40	Singles main/consolation round finals
16.30	Award ceremony
17.30	End of the fourth matchday



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### 6. TOURNAMENT CLASSES

#### Singles

The classification is based on

1. the personal TTR value (Table Tennis Rating), if available
2. otherwise according to the decision of the tournament management on the basis of an assessment of the playing strength based on e.g.

known results

a survey of the players or others

The decision on the TTR limits of the individual classes will be made after receipt of the entries on January 21, 2024 in such a way that as many players as possible can participate and as many classes as possible do not exceed the maximum capacity of 60 starters.

#### Doubles and Mixed

For Doubles and Mixed according to the decision of the tournament management on the basis of the playing strength in the form that three numerically approximately equal classes are formed.

### 7. VENUE

Kreissportzentrum Nordhorn  
Euregium (up to 24 tables)  
Kreissporthalle 1 (up to 24 tables)  
Wilhelm-Raabe-Str. 15,  
48527 Nordhorn

### 8. PARTICIPATION FEES

80,00 € pro person

Members of PingPongParkinson Deutschland e. V. pay a reduced entry fee of 70,00 €.

Entry fee Players' Party: 75,00 €

The entry fee covers the cost of the Players' Party on Saturday evening, incl. food (various salads, antipasti variations, roast beef, chicken breast fillet, vegetable pan, spaetzle, croquettes, vegetable lasagna, peas, carrots, cauliflower and broccoli, "gentlemen's custard" & mousse au chocolat) and drinks (mineral water, soft drinks, Graftschafter Pils and Kupfer, wine (Chardonnay, Merlot, Rosé), sparkling wine, orange and apple juice, coffee), entertainment and music.



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A limited contingent of max. one accompanying person per player is available for the Players' Party on a first-serve-first-come basis. If available, additional accompanying persons can attend the Players' Party on request.

Payments must only be made after a starting place has been confirmed, but then by January 27, 2024 using the procedures communicated at that time.

### 9. REGISTRATION

Registrations exclusively via [www.go.pingpongparkinson.de](http://www.go.pingpongparkinson.de).

A maximum of 60 starting places are available per individual class.

The first registration period runs until January 19, 2024. The chronological order of receipt of registrations does not play a role in this first registration period. The decisive factor is that the registration is received by 23:59 on January 19, 2024. If there are more entries than capacity in individual classes at this time, the following procedure will be used to allocate starting places:

The entire starting field is divided up according to four principles:

- 1) 20% new players who have not yet participated in a GO and 80% players with GO experience should be able to participate.
- 2) 20% foreigners and 80% Germans should participate.
- 3) Officials (volunteers) of PPP Germany should receive at least 15% of the places and other persons a maximum of 85 %.
- 4) The host base should receive at least 5% of the places.

If further selection criteria are required, previous medal winners and players with PPP tournament experience will be taken into account, and a draw will be made if necessary.

### 10. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

From January 22 to 23, 2024, all registered persons will receive an email informing them whether or not they have been allocated a starting place.

All registration fees must be paid by January 27, otherwise the starting place will be canceled.



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It is expressly pointed out that if you register for all competitions, i.e. Singles, Doubles and Mixed, there may be a high exertion of up to seven matches per day on Friday and Saturday. Without participation in the Mixed, there will be a maximum of five matches per day.

Starting place reservations "on suspicion" are not welcome! Therefore, in the event of non-participation, the entry fee will only be refunded on presentation of a doctor's certificate of acute illness.

Free places or places that have become free due to non-payment will be allocated once after January 25 according to the same criteria as described.

### **10. DRAW**

The draws will be made in the hall immediately before the start of the competition.

### **11. AWARDS**

Medals for the first three places in the main rounds. Honorary prizes for the finalists of the consolation rounds.

### **11. HEAD REFEREE**

Will be announced at the start of the tournament.

### **12. REFEREE**

In some cases, referees are provided by the organizer. However, with 48 tables and four matchdays, it is not possible for the matches to be conducted exclusively by such referees.

It is therefore necessary for the participants to also act as referees. It can be expected that participants in a German Open will also be able to referee a table tennis match.

By registering, all participants therefore undertake to referee other players' matches on request. Failure to comply with such a request by the tournament management may result in exclusion from the tournament.

### **13. COURT OF ARBITRATION**

Three people from different countries, to be appointed at the start of the tournament.

### **14. RULES OF PLAY**

The tournament is played according to the international table tennis rules. The following modifications apply:



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**Serve** The referee may relax the requirements for a correct serve if he is convinced that compliance is prevented by a physical handicap or lack of table tennis experience. Furthermore, if the server does not gain an immediate advantage from the incorrect serve, the referee should relax the requirements, even if the serve is incorrect.

**Rallies** A player may touch the table with his racket hand or free hand to restore his balance after a stroke has been played and when the table is not moving. The player may not use the table as an additional support to gain an advantage before touching the ball.

#### Breaks and interruptions

The referee may grant a stoppage of play of as short a duration as possible, but no longer than ten minutes, if a player is temporarily incapacitated by an accident or medication-off. If a player requests a longer interruption than 10 minutes, this can only be authorized once per player and tournament day by the called head referee. The head referee will grant a longer break of a maximum of a further 10 minutes.

### 15. EQUIPMENT

Tables: 48, JOOLA 2000-S  
Balls: GEWO Ultra SLP \*\*\*

### 16. CANTEEN

A canteen will be set up during the tournament.

### 16. FIRST AID

Is guaranteed during the tournament.

### 17. HOTELS

See separate list.

### 18. NOTES

The event is subject to the proviso that it may have to be restricted or canceled due to official directives. Participants bear this risk themselves!

PPP, its members and the participants put a lot of organizational and financial effort into tournaments like this, even though it is not a competitive sport. And that makes sense! On the one hand, the tournaments naturally serve as a meeting place for participants from all over the world. Once you have taken part in a PPP tournament, it's hard to stay away from others – it is simply special...



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On the other hand, these tournaments serve to raise public awareness of Parkinson's disease and make the idea of PingPongParkinson's better known. That is why we advocate the participation of as many players as possible, regardless of their level of table tennis ability! Only if people with Parkinson's show unity will it be possible to reach national media and thus a wider public.

As part of our public relations work, we will try to get the media into the hall. We cannot guarantee anonymity! On the contrary, we also ask you to approach the matter openly!

### 18. MAIN SPONSORS

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