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**ATTENTION: NEWS, EVENTS, SPORTS EDITORS AND PRODUCERS:**

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF TABLE SOCCER (SAATS) ANNOUNCES THE 2008 SOUTH AFRICAN TABLE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE TRADE ROUTE MALL, LENASIA**

The South African Table Soccer (a.k.a foosball) Championships will take place from the 24 – 28 September 2008 at the Legit Court Area in the Trade Route Mall in Lenasia. The very best in Table Soccer players from Durban, Cape Town and Gauteng will be on hand to compete for the overall title – the South African Championship (Singles men and women) and the South African Championship (Doubles men and Women) and the South African Junior Champion. Spectators and Press are welcome to attend and there is no admission fee to enter the tournament area. Qualifying Rounds will be played on the 24, 25 and 26 September 2008, from 10h00 – 18h00. Ranking and Knockouts will be held on 27 September and the FINALS on the 28 September 2008. Players will compete in specially formatted Singles and Doubles events for men, women and juniors.

In a true test of all around foosball skills, the Finals will take place on 3 ITSF "OFFICIALLY" styled tables, Garlando, Roberto Sport and Tornado.

This years SA Championship will feature the internationally ranked SA Men and Women's Team defend their titles. The men's side of the tournament is expected to be especially intense, with the current SA team and the new young generation of upcoming players fighting for the title and a position in the SA Team.

**International Table Soccer World Championship and World Cup in France 2009**

A particular important event on the table soccer global sporting calendar, this Championship will culminate in a selection of men and women to represent SA at the upcoming ITSF (International Table Soccer Federation) Joint **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD CUP to be held in Nantes, France, from 8-11 January 2009**. The ITSF is the world governing body of Table Soccer, with representatives from over 45 countries.

**World Cup 2006 and World Championships 2006 and 2007**

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that SA will be sending it's players to compete in the World Championship and the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the World Cup, which was previously held in Italy 2006 and 2007 and Germany 2006, respectively.

With the upcoming FIFA 2010 World Cup to be hosted in SA- Table Soccer has received a growing interest from corporates, with the recently hosted **MTN FOOSBALL CHALLENGE** and the **ADIDAS** Tournament, currently being played in Universities all over SA.

**Table Soccer at the Beijing Olympics 2008**

At the recently held Olympics in Beijing, The Table Soccer Federation China, finally signed the 2008 Beijing Olympics athletes' village Games club service. Being the official operators at 2008 Beijing Olympic Games athletes' village game centre. The ITSF is linked to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

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**Promotion and Coverage of the SA Championships**

We invite you as members of the Media fraternity to assist SAATS, to promote this event in whatever manner possible – sports announcements, publication of press release, TV coverage of the SA Championships and Post event publicity of the Winners and the new SA Team.

For additional details of this event and /or the sports of table soccer, please visit the following website:

[www.table-soccer.org](http://www.table-soccer.org)

With Thanks & Kind Regards

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