

# The tournament for classic table tennis with uniform bats



The oldest official German hardbat tournament:  
Again with two sandpaper classes on Sunday

## Anniversary! 20th edition: June 3/4, 2023

**Saturday (Hardbat):** Only uniform  
**pimple rubber rackets** permitted: short  
pimples out without sponge

**Sunday (Sandpaper):** Only uniform  
**sandpaper rackets** permitted: no  
pimples, but fine sandpaper layer on the  
wood

Uniform rackets will be provided on both  
days and will be changed at the change  
of ends.

**Hardbat I:** open to all (including youth)  
**Hardbat II:** up to Q-TTR 1600 (i. youth)  
**Hardbat III:** up to Q-TTR 1400 (i. youth)  
**Hardbat IV:** up to Q-TTR 1200 (i. youth)

**Sandpaper I:** open to all (including youth)  
**Sandpaper II:** up to Q-TTR 1600 (i. youth)

**Both days:** Singles with preliminary round  
in groups of four; the top two advance;  
doubles in KO system; **international open**

**All classes count for the World Rankings  
at [www.ClassicHardbat.com](http://www.ClassicHardbat.com)**

For more information see:

# [www.hardbat-tischtennis.de](http://www.hardbat-tischtennis.de)

# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- Name of Tournament:** Nordhorn Classic Open 2023
- Organizer:** SV Vorwärts Nordhorn
- Events:** **Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 14.00 o'clock:**  
Hardbat I, Hardbat II, Hardbat III, Hardbat IV: singles and doubles in each class
- Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 10.00 o'clock:**  
Sandpaper I, Sandpaper II: singles and doubles in each class
- The doubles competition will start after the end of the preliminary rounds of the singles competition.
- Venue:** Gymnasium of Anne-Frank-School; von-Behring-Straße 5; 48529 Nordhorn;  
Tournament telephone: 0049/151/27592481
- Format:** Singles: Preliminary round in groups of four up to six players each, who play Round Robin, and final round with first and second of each group in knock-out system. If feasible, consolation round for third and following of each group in knock-out system.
- Doubles: Knock-out system
- Games:** Hardbat: best of five; 11 point games  
Sandpaper: best of three; 15 point games (with double point-rule)
- Participation:** international open tournament
- Eligibility:** Valid player passport and/or entry on valid players authorization list.  
Foreign players must be eligible for a table tennis club in their country or must be a member of the national table tennis organization.
- Jury:** three persons from different clubs – nomination at tournament day
- Tables:** 12 JOOLA 2000-S, blue surface
- Nets:** Imperial-Weltmeister
- Balls:** Gewo Ultra SLP 40+\*\*\* white; 40 mm; poly ball
- Categorization:** There is no categorization by gender or age. All players, including female and young players, are categorized to the four resp. two classes by the quarterly table tennis rating values (Q-TTR-values) from andro ranking list of 11.05.2023 (see: [www.myTischtennis.de](http://www.myTischtennis.de)) as follows:
- Hardbat I: open for all players  
Hardbat II: open for all players with a Q-TTR-value up to 1600  
Hardbat III: open for all players with a Q-TTR-value up to 1400  
Hardbat IV: open for all players with a Q-TTR-value up to 1200
- Sandpaper I: open for all players  
Sandpaper II: open for all players with a Q-TTR-value up to 1600
- Players without a Q-TTR-value are put into one of the four resp. two classes by our decision.

Two entries of one person in different classes of one day are not permitted (singles and doubles of one class is considered as one entry).

**Tournament Director:** Hilmar Heinrichmeyer, Heinrichstr. 17, 44137 Dortmund; Tel. 0049/231/148224 (p), E-Mail: hmeyer@ttvn.de

**Management Committee:** club members of SV Vorwärts Nordhorn

**Referee:** Katrin Harms-Ensink (VSR)

**Entry fee:** 10,- € per player (contains singles and doubles)  
Young players (born 2004 or later) each pay half.

The entry fee has to be paid until 15 min. before start of tournament at the cash desk.

**Entry fee reduction:** For clubs of 4 (resp. 10) and more starting players at a day entry fee of that day is reduced by 25 % (resp. 50 %).

**Entries:** For singles: Until Thursday, June 1, 2023 (mail arrival) to Hilmar Heinrichmeyer, Heinrichstr. 17, 44137 Dortmund; Tel. 0049/231/148224 (p), E-Mail: [hmeyer@ttvn.de](mailto:hmeyer@ttvn.de) or online via [www.myTischtennis.de](http://www.myTischtennis.de)

For doubles: exclusively orally on the day of the tournament after the call

**Late entries:** Entries, which are not present up to June 1, 2023, are considered as late entries and will cost 5.- € late entry fee per person additionally to the entry fee. Please deliver your late entry per mail or on tournament day until 15 min. before start of tournament to the cash desk. Late entries per telephone are not accepted!

**Draw:** 15 minutes before the start of each competition in the gymnasium

**Awards:** Prize money for the first four players in singles and the first two pairs in doubles

	1st place singles	2nd place singles	3rd place singles	3rd place singles	1st place doubles	2nd place doubles
Hardbat I	200,- €	100,- €	50,- €	50,- €	100,- €	50,- €
Hardbat II	40,- €	20,- €	10,- €	10,- €	20,- €	10,- €
Hardbat III	40,- €	20,- €	10,- €	10,- €	20,- €	10,- €
Hardbat IV	40,- €	20,- €	10,- €	10,- €	20,- €	10,- €
Sandpaper I	200,- €	100,- €	50,- €	50,- €	100,- €	50,- €
Sandpaper II	40,- €	20,- €	10,- €	10,- €	20,- €	10,- €

At less than 32 starters in the classes Hardbat I resp. Sandpaper I the prize money can be reduced by 50 %.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation questions please send to the Tournament Director.

**Cafeteria:** In the gymnasium warm and cold meals and beverages are offered at both tournament days.

**Clothing:** Table tennis playing garment is obligation. The gymnasium may be entered only in not-coloring sport shoes.

**Laws of the game:** Both days will be played according to the ITTF Laws (German version; restrictions see below), the Laws of the DTTB and the implementing regulations and the "Rechts- und Disziplinarordnung" of the TTVN.

The management committee is allowed to make changes to the tournament rules if necessary.

**Hardbat laws:**

The laws of modern hardbat table tennis will be applied:

All players must use the uniform hardbat rackets being provided at the table. That will be the TSP Picco woods (with straight, anatomical or concave grip) with Friendship 729 Dr. Evil rubbers (short pimples out without sponge) on both sides. **Private rackets are not allowed.**

Before each change of ends every player puts the racket used previously to his half of the table. After the change, he uses the bat with which his opponent has played before.

**Sandpaper laws:**

The laws of the World Championship of Ping Pong will be applied:

All players must use the official WCPP bats (wood: Carlton/sandpaper: 3M) being provided at the table. In these the wood is coated on both sides with a thin layer of fine gray sandpaper with the same color. **Private rackets are not allowed.**

Before each change of ends every player puts the racket used previously to his half of the table. After the change, he uses the bat with which his opponent has played before.

It is played with best of three games to 15 points. Each game is finished when the first player has scored 15 points. In the final game ends change when the first player has scored seven points.

Each player once per match has the option to take a double-point ball. This must be at his own serve and before he has reached 13 points in this game. The directly following rally is played with a white ball. If this rally is won by the server he gets two points. Otherwise, the opponent gets one point. Counting and change of service will remain unaffected. The server always has two services one by one.

**Andro ranking list:**

The results of this tournament won't be used for the andro table tennis ranking list at [www.myTischtennis.de](http://www.myTischtennis.de).

**World ranking lists:**

The results of all singles classes of this tournament (hardbat and sandpaper) will be used for the world ranking lists (hardbat/sandpaper) at [www.classichardbat.com](http://www.classichardbat.com).

**Permisson:**

Table Tennis Association of Lower Saxony (TTVN)

In the hardbat and sandpaper classes, junior players and ladies are also expressly permitted. These are assigned to the four or two classes according to their Q-TTR value.

Both hardbat and sandpaper tournaments are becoming more and more popular - not only in Germany. This is due to the great fun factor that every participant has and the attractiveness of these two variants of table tennis. In this tournament, we promise long rallies that really deserve this name, games worth seeing with attack against defence, serves that only open the rally and do not end it again immediately, and points that still have to be earned properly. No one should miss this pleasure!

We hope that the traditionally strongly represented starters from the Netherlands, Belgium and France will meet equal German competition at this anniversary tournament!

**After not being able to hold our tournament for three years because of Corona, it is finally going on again. Since there are now also Hardbat World Championships (at January 4-6, 2024 in Mexico City), we expect a further upswing especially in this form of competition!**

**More about classic table tennis (hardbat /sandpaper) can be found at <http://www.hardbat-tischtennis.de> (will be updated soon!).**