



## Confucius Cup 2026 – The Ultimate Table Tennis Showdown

Ireland's biggest international table tennis tournament is back – and it's going to be the most spectacular edition yet! **Confucius Cup 2026** brings together elite competitors, rising stars, and passionate amateurs from over 25 countries in a fierce, electrifying battle for glory, prestige, and a share of a **€5,000+ prize pool, largest cash prize tournament in Ireland**. This year, we're proud to announce the participation of a number of **world-class players, including three Olympians**, making this the most high-profile event in Irish table tennis history.

 **€5,000+**

Total Cash Prize Pool up for grabs

 **25+ Countries**

International competitors from around the globe

 **10 world class players including 3 olympians participating**

World-class Olympic athletes competing

 **Dublin**

Loop Table Tennis Club, Ireland

 **Venue**

**Loop Table Tennis Club Dublin**

Ardcoil La Salle, Raheny Rd, Raheny, Dublin, D05 Y132

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# Why You Need to Be There

The Confucius Cup 2026 is not just a tournament — it's an experience unlike anything else on the Irish sporting calendar. Imagine stepping onto the table against an internationally ranked professional, feeling the energy of a packed venue roaring around you, and knowing you're competing in the same event as **three Olympic athletes**. This is your chance to test yourself at the highest level, make lasting connections with players from across the globe, and be part of something truly special.

Whether you're a seasoned elite competitor chasing cash prizes and ranking points, or an enthusiastic club player looking to measure yourself against top-tier opposition, the Confucius Cup 2026 has a category perfectly suited to your level. With events ranging from the prestigious **Mixed Open** all the way to Junior, Band, and Doubles categories, every player has a path to glory. Don't sit on the sidelines — this is your moment to shine on Ireland's biggest international stage.



## Compete from beginner level to professional level

The tournament is open to everyone, from complete beginners to seasoned professionals. Whatever your level, you'll find a place to compete and challenge yourself.



## Join a Global Community

Meet and play alongside passionate players from 25+ countries in an electric, community-driven atmosphere.



## Win Cash Prizes

Over €5,000 in prize money on the line across multiple categories, with top honours in the Mixed Open reaching €1,800.



## Everyone is Welcome

Spectators are warmly invited to come soak up the electric atmosphere, cheer on friends and family, and witness world-class table tennis live. It's an exciting chance to be part of the action and enjoy an unforgettable day.

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# World-Class Players & Olympic Stars

This year's Confucius Cup raises the bar to extraordinary heights. We are thrilled to confirm the participation of a number of **world-class players** — including **three Olympians** who have represented their nations on the grandest stage in global sport. These elite athletes will be competing alongside you, bringing international flair, unmatched technique, and incredible energy to every match they play.

Watching — and competing against — players of Olympic calibre is a rare and unforgettable experience. Whether you're on the other side of the table from a legend or simply witnessing their extraordinary skill from the sidelines, this is the kind of moment that reminds you why you love the game. The Confucius Cup 2026 is your front-row seat to the very best table tennis Ireland has ever seen, right here in Dublin at Loop Table Tennis Club.

  **Confirmed: Three Olympians will be competing at Confucius Cup 2026.** Join us and share the floor with some of the world's finest table tennis athletes — an opportunity you won't find anywhere else in Ireland!

## **Olympic Athletes**

Three Olympians confirmed to compete, bringing world-stage experience and elite-level performance to Dublin.

## **Internationally Ranked Stars**

A host of internationally ranked professionals will battle it out across all major categories throughout the tournament weekend.

## **25+ Nations Represented**

Players travelling from across Europe, Asia, and beyond — making this Ireland's most internationally diverse table tennis event ever.

# See It to Believe It

Want to know what the Confucius Cup atmosphere is really like? Watch highlights from our previous competitions and see the incredible talent, energy, and excitement that makes this Ireland's most thrilling table tennis event. From stunning rallies to nail-biting finals — this is what you're signing for!



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# Tournament Categories & Prize Breakdown

The Confucius Cup 2026 offers a comprehensive programme of events to accommodate every level of player. From the headline **Mixed Open** — featuring a stunning first prize of €1,800 — to Band events, Junior categories, and the fun One Set 10:10 format, there's something for absolutely everyone. All dates have been updated for **2026**, and events are listed in chronological date order for easy planning, so get them in your calendar now. Entry spots are strictly limited, so register early to avoid missing out!

Category	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	4th Prize	Entry Fee	Key Dates 2026
Mixed Open	€1,800	€900	€450	€450	€25	Qualification: <b>10am Saturday, 16th May 2026</b>  (Final for the 16 qualified players plus ranked players: Noon time, Sun 07 Jun 2026)
Mixed Junior under 19	Trophy	Trophy	-	-	€10	12 Noon, Sun 17 May 2026
Mixed Junior under 15	Trophy	Trophy	-	-	€10	12 Noon, Sun 17 May 2026
Fun Doubles	Trophy	Trophy	-	-	€20	7pm, Fri 29 May 2026
Band 1	€100 plus free entry to the premier band	€60 plus free entry to the premier band	-	-	€20	915AM Sat 30 May 2026
Band 3	Trophy	Trophy	-	-	€20	915AM Sat 30 May 2026
Band 2	Trophy	Trophy	-	-	€20	130PM, Sat 31 May 2026
Band 4	Trophy	Trophy	-	-	€20	130PM, Sat 31 May 2026
Without top 3 players	€200	€100	-	-	€20	930AM, Sat 06 June 2026
Premier Band	€200	€100	-	-	€20	1.30PM, Sat 06 June 2026
Restricted Singles	Trophy	Trophy	-	-	€20	915AM, Sun 07 June 2026

 **Limited spots available across all categories.** Early registration is strongly recommended to secure your place. Don't wait — entries fill up fast for Ireland's premier international table tennis event!

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# Venue & Event Information

The Confucius Cup 2026 will be hosted at the outstanding **Loop Table Tennis Club** in Dublin — one of Ireland's premier dedicated table tennis facilities. With top-quality tables, excellent lighting, and a vibrant competitive atmosphere, Loop TT provides the perfect backdrop for a tournament of this international stature. The venue is easily accessible from across Dublin and the wider island of Ireland, making it straightforward for both local and visiting international competitors to attend.

Spectators are warmly welcome to come and soak up the incredible atmosphere as world-class players — including three Olympians — take to the tables. Whether you're cheering on a friend, scouting future competition, or simply experiencing elite table tennis live for the first time, Loop Table Tennis Club promises an unforgettable day out for players and fans alike. Come early, stay late, and be part of the Confucius Cup 2026 story.

## Venue Details

Loop Table Tennis Club Dublin

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# Event Details & Playing Formats

A comprehensive schedule of all Confucius Cup 2026 events is detailed below, arranged chronologically for your convenience. Each entry includes critical information regarding eligibility, format, and prizes. Please note the maximum player capacities for each category.

1	<p>Sat 16 May 2026, 10:00 AM</p> <p><b>Mixed Open Qualification</b></p> <p>Eligibility: All players welcome   Max: 64 players</p> <p>Format: Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Second round-robin stage → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 to Consolation Knockout. 16 players qualify for the main event on 7 June.</p> <p>Prize: Top 16 receive entry to the Main Mixed Open Final.</p>
2	<p>Sun 17 May 2026, 12:00 PM</p> <p><b>Mixed Junior Under 19</b></p> <p>Eligibility: Under 19 only   Max: 48 players</p> <p>Format: Players split by level: strong, intermediate, beginner. Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 to Consolation Knockout.</p> <p>Prize: Trophies for winner &amp; runner-up. Medals for consolation winner &amp; runner-up.</p>
3	<p>Sun 17 May 2026, 12:00 PM</p> <p><b>Mixed Junior Under 15</b></p> <p>Eligibility: Under 15 only   Max: 48 players</p> <p>Format: Players split by level: strong, intermediate, beginner. Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 to Consolation Knockout.</p> <p>Prize: Trophies for winner &amp; runner-up. Medals for consolation winner &amp; runner-up.</p>
4	<p>Fri 29 May 2026, 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Fun Doubles</b></p> <p>Eligibility: No restriction   Max: 48 pairs</p> <p>Format: Round-robin group stage (4 pairs per group) → Top 2 pairs to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 to Consolation Knockout.</p> <p>Prize: Trophies for winner &amp; runner-up.</p>
5	<p>Sat 30 May 2026, 9:15 AM</p> <p><b>Band 1</b></p> <p>Eligibility: No restriction   Max: 48 players</p> <p>Format: Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 to Consolation Knockout.</p> <p>Prize: 1st – €100 + Free Entry to Premier Band   2nd – €60 + Free Entry to Premier Band.</p>
6	<p>Sat 30 May 2026, 9:15 AM</p> <p><b>Band 3</b></p> <p>Eligibility: Max: 48 players</p> <p>Format: Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 to Consolation Knockout.</p> <p>Prize: Trophies for winner &amp; runner-up. Medals for consolation winner &amp; runner-up.</p>
7	<p>Sat 30 May 2026, 1:30 PM</p> <p><b>Band 2</b></p> <p>Eligibility: Max: 48 players</p> <p>Format: Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 to Consolation Knockout.</p> <p>Prize: Trophies for winner &amp; runner-up. Medals for consolation winner &amp; runner-up.</p>
8	<p>Sat 30 May 2026, 12:45 PM</p> <p><b>Band 4</b></p> <p>Eligibility: Max: 48 players</p> <p>Format: Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 to Consolation Knockout.</p> <p>Prize: Trophies for winner &amp; runner-up. Medals for consolation winner &amp; runner-up.</p>
9	<p>Sat 6 Jun 2026, 9:15 AM</p> <p><b>Without Top 3 Seeded Players</b></p> <p>Eligibility: Without top 3 seeded male players   Max: 48 players</p> <p>Format: Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 eliminated.</p> <p>Prize: 1st – €200   2nd – €100.</p>
10	<p>Sat 6 Jun 2026, 2:00 PM</p> <p><b>Premier Division Band</b></p> <p>Eligibility: Max: 48 players</p> <p>Format: Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 eliminated.</p> <p>Prize: 1st – €200   2nd – €100.</p>
11	<p>Sun 7 Jun 2026, 9:15 AM</p> <p><b>Restricted Singles</b></p> <p>Eligibility: Seeded players in Mixed Open &amp; Top 12 Irish senior ranked men cannot participate   Max: 48 players</p> <p>Format: Round-robin group stage (4 per group) → Top 2 to Knockout (best-of-5), Bottom 2 eliminated.</p> <p>Prize: Medals for winner &amp; runner-up.</p>
12	<p>Sun 7 Jun 2026, 12:00 PM</p> <p><b>Main Mixed Open – Final</b></p> <p>Eligibility: Top 12 seeded players get direct entry + 16 qualified from 16 May. Direct entry also for Top 16 Irish seeded or 2100+ rating.</p> <p>Format: Elimination rounds to the Final.</p> <p>Prize: 1st – €1,800   2nd – €900   3rd – €450   4th – €450.</p>

# Register Now — Don't Miss Out!

The Confucius Cup 2026 is shaping up to be the greatest edition of this beloved tournament in its history. With over 10 invited international players including **three Olympians confirmed**, players from over **25 nations**, a €5,000+ prize pool, and events for every skill level, there has never been a better time to compete on Ireland's biggest international table tennis stage. Spots across all categories are strictly limited — and with the quality of this year's field, demand will be higher than ever before.

Don't let hesitation cost you your place in the tournament. Register today, get your training in order, and prepare yourself for the experience of a lifetime. Whether you go home with a trophy, a cash prize, or simply the memory of competing alongside Olympic-level athletes in a world-class Dublin venue, the Confucius Cup 2026 will be a tournament you'll talk about for years to come. **Sign up now and be part of the action!** 🏆🔥🚀

## Register Early

Spots are strictly limited — secure your entry before they're gone!



## Prepare & Train

Get match-ready and sharpen your game ahead of your chosen event dates.



## Compete for Glory

Step up, play your best, and make history at Confucius Cup 2026!

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