



SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE TABLE TENNIS

NICE 2015



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THE MAYOR'S WORD

SPORTS, ALL

HIS LIFE

As an international sports event, the European Masters Games competition has put forward a concept that perfectly meets Nice's ambition to be the European city of sports as well as a model city with a capacity to implement innovative policies for seniors.

"To take a lifelong leading part in one's own physical condition and fitness", this is an important message I want to share with everyone, and this is why I was determined that the city of Nice be in a position to host this competition and make it a major event in France. A sports-health showcase. Indeed, Nice also wants to initiate an ambitious program for Senior Sports in France with the aim of developing this Masters Games concept to a nation-wide level and promoting various aspects of sports practice at all ages. The stakes are important, at a time when promoting physical activities and sports towards seniors is becoming a priority, and when we have to tackle the issue of today's sedentary lifestyle. This is not a matter of fate, as sport still remains the best way to take good care of one's physical and mental health throughout life.



Christian ESTROSI

Member of Parliament,
Mayor of Nice
President of the Nice-Côte d'Azur
Metropolitan Area

After the World Figure Skating Championships in 2012 and the Tour de France in 2013, and before the Euro 2016 football/soccer competition, we want to make the European Masters Games an unforgettable experience for the thousands of visitors we welcome on this occasion, offering them the very best of Nice, a worldwide recognized welcoming place. Welcome everyone, welcome to Nice.

5TH LARGEST CITY OF FRANCE

NICE “LA



With 300 sunny days and 5 million visitors a year, Nice is the second most visited tourist destination of the country, and also possesses the second busiest international airport in France with over 11 million passengers a year. But the popularity of the fifth largest city of France reaches well beyond its “post-card” image: a rich heritage, a unique cuisine, a preserved language – “nissart” – and of course a worldwide famous Carnival make Nice an attractive capital with a strong identity.

“Nissa la bella” kept growing more beautiful with the inauguration, last October, of the “Promenade du Paillon”, truly a green haven in the heart of the city, and the recent redevelopment of the “Quai des Etats-Unis”, which now offers more space for pedestrians and cyclists to get around while enjoying an unobstructed view over the “Grande Bleue”, the Mediterranean.

An exceptional land, therefore, for great international events, for culture and for sports. Sitting between sea and mountains, the “niçois” landscape

BELLE”

(THE BEAUTIFUL)

is an outstanding natural arena in the heart of France’s largest metro area: Nice-Côte d’Azur, 49 municipalities and 550,000 inhabitants.

In 2013, Nice made a major leap forward in sports with the construction of Allianz Riviera, a superb, 35,000-seater sports arena, and the hosting of two major competitions: the 7th Francophonie Games and the 100th

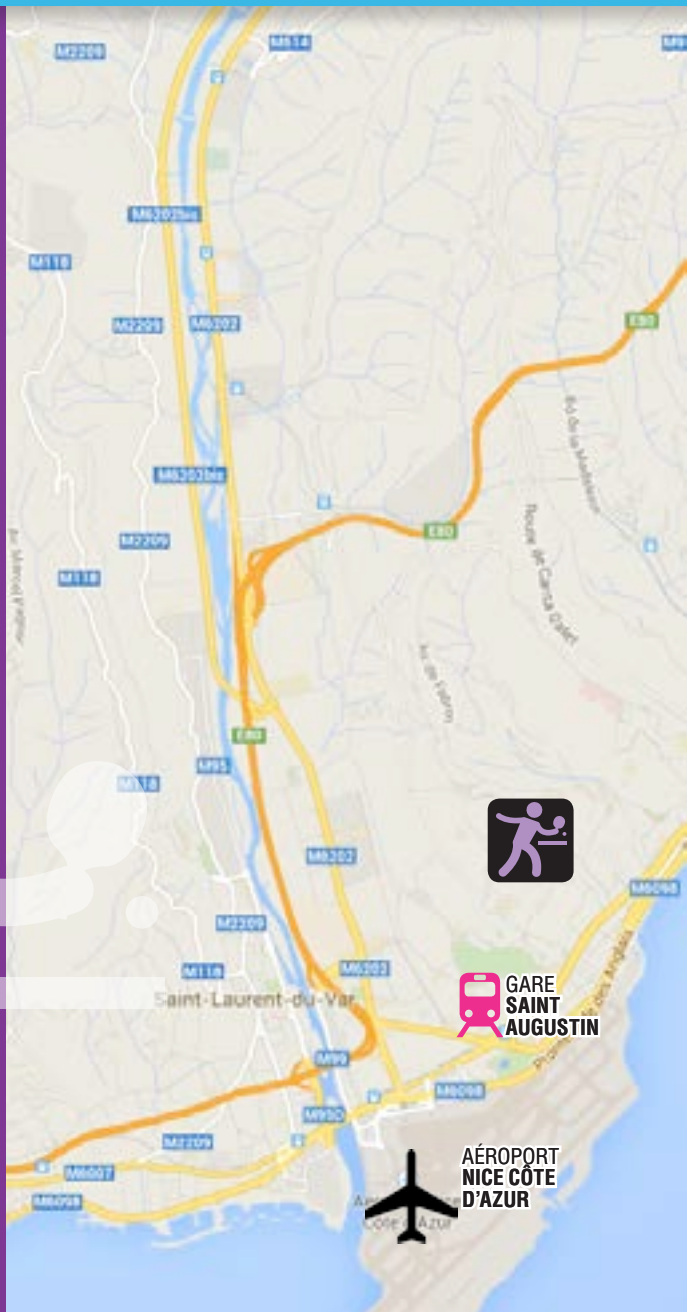
Tour de France, whose per-team time trial took place entirely in Nice. And subsequent to the cycling Tour de France, the sailing Tour de France made its great return in Nice in July 2014 for the competition’s finish line. The European Masters Games will further this ambition in October 2015, prior to Nice’s hosting, a few months later, of four football matches of the UEFA Euro 2016.

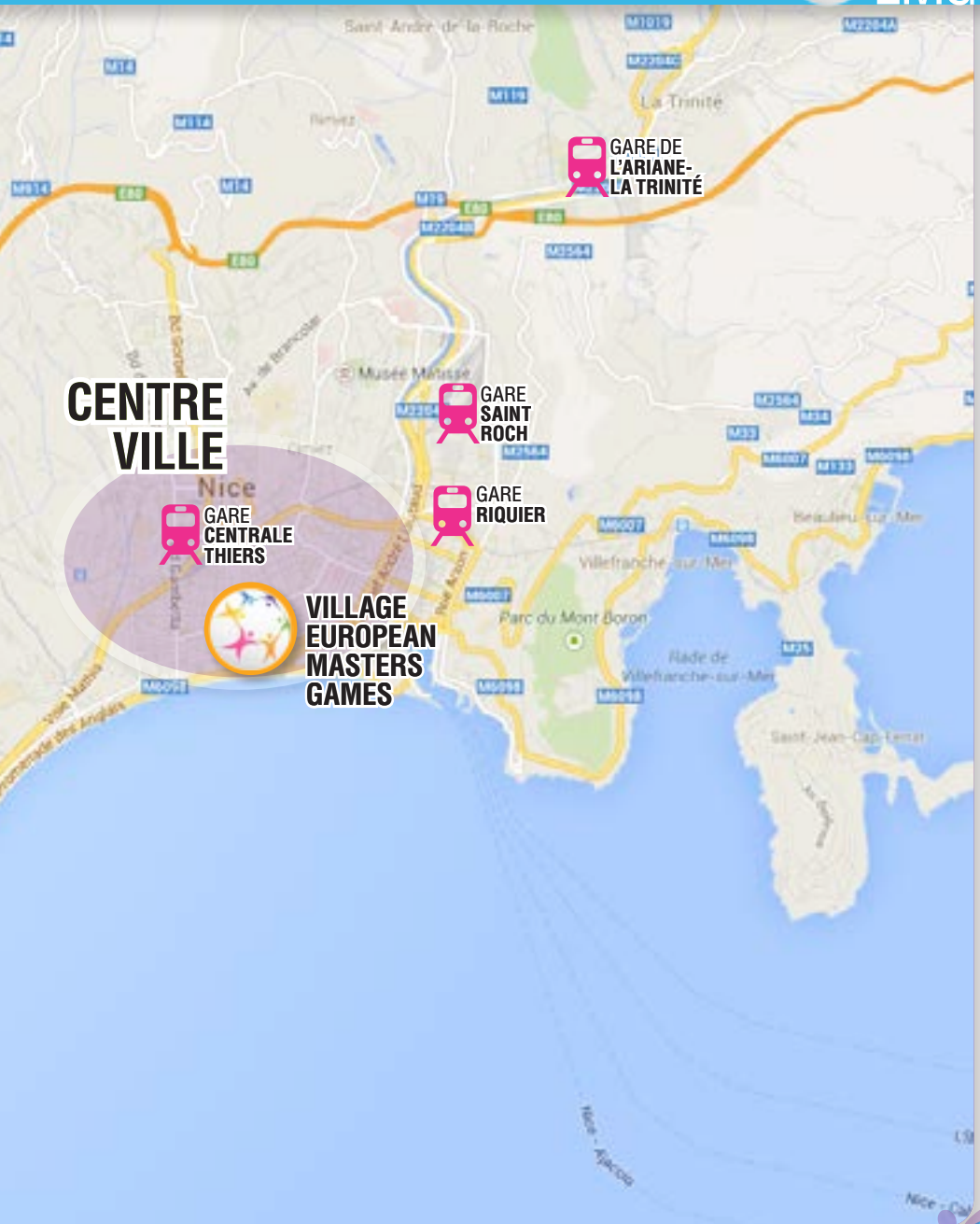
WELCOME TO NICE!

LOCATION OF VENUE



**GYMNASE
RAOUL DUFY**





CENTRE VILLE

 GARE CENTRALE THIERS



VILLAGE EUROPEAN MASTERS GAMES

 GARE SAINT ROCH

 GARE RIQUIER

 GARE DE L'ARIANE-LA TRINITE

INTRODUCTION TO THE VENUE

GYMNASE RAOUL DUFY



8, AVENUE
RAOUL DUFY
NICE

VENUE FACILITIES
Refreshments,
parking (20 spaces)

GETTING THERE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

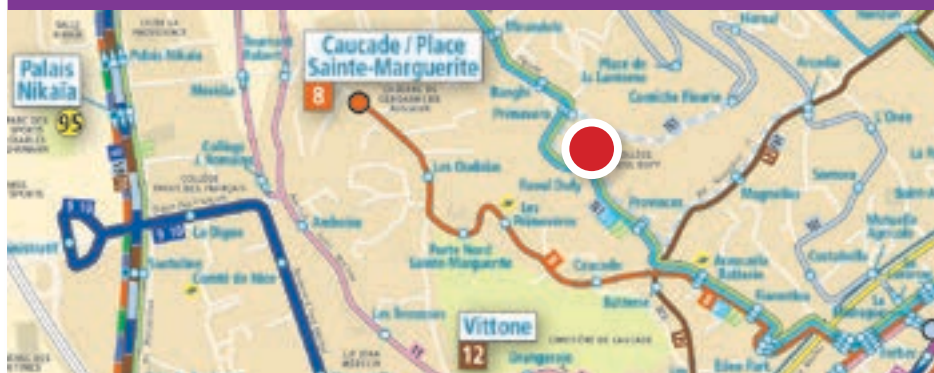
BUS

- N° 65
 - **Bus stop:** 'Raoul Dufy' followed by a 3 minute walk
 - **Travel time:** around 10 mins
- N° 73
 - **Bus stop:** 'Raoul Dufy' followed by a 3 minute walk
 - **Travel time:** around 10 minutes

FROM THE ATHLETES VILLAGE

BUS

- N° 9, 10
 - **Bus stop:** 'Carras'
 - **Travel time from J. Médecin / Hotel des Postes:** 20 minutes
 - N° 8
 - **Bus stop:** Araucaria/Batterie
- **Travel time from Lycée Masséna stop:** 45 minutes
 - N° 12
 - **Bus stop:** Batterie
 - **Travel time from Gare SNCF Nice stop:** 40 minutes



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EMG NICE 2015

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REGULATIONS

CATEGORIES AND REGISTRATION

SINGLES

MEN / WOMEN

OPEN

AGE
CATEGORY

MAXIMUM
NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS

40 +	80
50 +	80
60 +	80
70 +	80
80 +	80

- **PARTICIPANT'S AGE** is calculated from 31st December 2015

- **FOR THE DOUBLES COMPETITION** the age of the youngest player will be used to determine the age category in which the team will compete

- **PARTICIPANTS CAN COMPETE IN ONE SINGLE AND TWO DOUBLES** (Men/Women's Double and Mixed Doubles) but in only one age category

- **IN THE CASE OF AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PLAYERS SIGNING UP**, the executive committee reserves the right to regroup participants in the age category directly beneath them. Four medals will be awarded for each age category (Gold, Silver, Bronze for the top 3 contestants of the top table and Glass for the winner of the 'B' table)

- **EACH CATEGORY** can hold a maximum of 80 competitors for singles competitions and 80 teams for doubles events. Registration closes 31st August 2015 or as soon as the category is full.

- **REGISTRATION FOR DOUBLES EVENTS** – it is the responsibility of individual competitors to find a partner they can compete with in the doubles competitions. The executive committee cannot take responsibility for finding a participant a team to compete with.

DOUBLES

MEN / WOMEN MIXED

OPEN

AGE
CATEGORY

MAXIMUM
NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS

40 +	160
60 +	160

SINGLES

MEN / WOMEN	
OPEN	
AGE CATEGORY	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
40 +	80
50 +	80
60 +	80
70 +	80
80 +	80

- **PARTICIPANT'S AGE** is calculated from 31st December 2015
- **FOR THE DOUBLES COMPETITION** the age of the youngest player will be used to determine the age category in which the team will compete
- **PARTICIPANTS CAN ONLY COMPETE IN ONE AGE CATEGORY** for singles and two for doubles (Men/Womens Double and Mixed Doubles)
- **IN THE CASE OF AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PLAYERS SIGNING UP**, the executive committee reserves the right to regroup participants in the age category directly

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MEN / WOMEN MIXED	
OPEN	
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NB: All regulation conditions concerning categories, venues, the running of the competition and technical aspects are applied on a provisional basis and are subject to change when and how the executive committee sees appropriate, up until the beginning of the competition.

ORGANISATION

TYPE OF COMPETITION

OPEN

- **FOR EACH LEAGUE AND EACH AGE CATEGORY** participants will compete in a category made up of a level grouping of participants

DRAWING LOTS

- **FOR EACH LEAGUE LOTS** will be drawn before the technical meeting and will be carried out by the executive committee (national technical delegate and head of activity)
- **TOURNAMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN 2 PHASES:** one qualifying pools phase and one finals phase with knockout (provided that the enrollment is sufficient)

SCHEDULE

- **AFTER LOTS** are drawn the definite match schedule will be released
- **EACH PARTICIPANT** will play a minimum of four matches in the qualifier stages
- **THE EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE** from Friday 2nd to Friday 9th October 2015

TECHNICAL MEETING

- **A TECHNICAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE** the day before the start of the competition in order to introduce the tournament and remind those involved of the regulations and the behaviour that is expected

TRAINING

- **THERE WILL BE NO SPECIFIC TRAINING SLOT SET ASIDE FOR PARTICIPANTS BEFORE THE EVENTS**



POOLS AND RANKINGS

- **EACH POOL WILL CONSIST OF 5 PLAYERS** (assuming that a sufficient number of players register)
- **AT THE END OF THE POOL PHASES**, the 1st and 2nd place qualifiers will move directly to the finals phase. The 3rd and 4th place qualifiers will play in the consolation phase and the 5th place participant will be eliminated
- **IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE FINALS PHASE** (1/16th, provided that a sufficient number of players register), the 1st will compete against 2nd place qualifiers of other pools and of the consolation phase the 3rd against the 4th place qualifiers
- **NO RANKING MATCHES WILL TAKE PLACE** in the finals phase except the match between the two losers from the semi-finals of the finals phase in order to determine the recipient of the bronze medal



TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

- **EACH LEAGUE WILL CONSIST** of a maximum of 80 players

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL

- **EACH PLAYER SHOULD ARRIVE IN THE MATCH ZONE** dressed appropriately (shorts or skirt, tshirt and trainers)
- **EQUIPMENT USED THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT** should comply with the regulations outline by the International Table Tennis Federation

BALLS

- **BALLS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE TOURNAMENT**

GAMES FORMAT

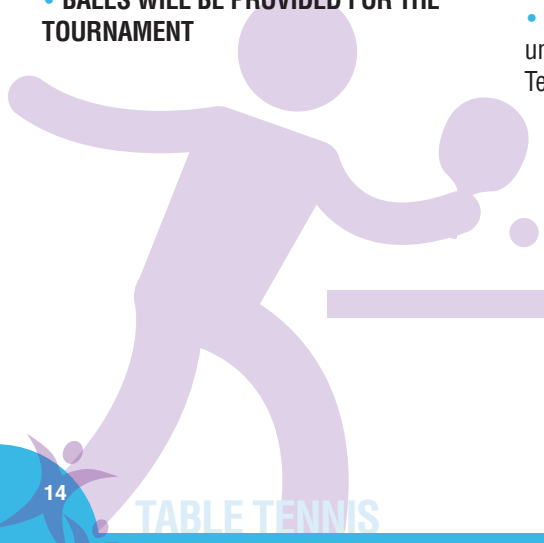
- **EACH MATCH WILL CONSIST OF 5 ROUNDS.** Only rounds which will sway the results will be played. The first player or team to reach 11 points with a 2 point difference will win the match

UMPIRE

- **GAMES WILL BE AUTO-REFEREED** or overseen by another player from the pool or final league with the exception of games playing for the medals where there will be official umpires
- **BOTH PLAYERS OR SIDES** must sign the results sheets

RULES

- **THE COMPETITION WILL BE PLAYED** under regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation



THERE ARE 10 SINGLES CATEGORIES AND 6 DOUBLES CATEGORIES SUGGESTED FOR THIS SPORT

THE RULES APPLIED WILL BE IN KEEPING WITH THE REGULATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

SERVE (ITTF RULE 2.6)

DURING SINGLES MATCHES THE SERVE WILL BE CONSIDERED A LET (ITTF 2.9):

- **IF THE BALL, AFTER TOUCHING THE RECEIVERS COURT**, returns in the direction of the net
- **IF THE BALL COMES TO REST** on the receiver's court
- **IF THE BALL LEAVES THE RECEIVER'S COURT** after touching it by either of its sidelines
- **HOWEVER IF THE RECEIVER TOUCHES THE BALL** before it has crossed the net or before it has bounced a second time on the table the serve is not considered a let

DURING DOUBLES MATCHES THE SERVE WILL BE CONSIDERED A LET (ITTF 2.6.3):

- **IF THE BALL, AFTER TOUCHING THE RECEIVERS COURT**, returns in the direction of the net
- **IF THE BALL COMES TO REST ON THE RECEIVER'S COURT**
- **IF THE RECEIVER TOUCHES THE BALL BEFORE IT HAS CROSSED THE NET** or before it has bounced a second time on the table the serve is not considered a let

DOUBLES

- **IN DOUBLES THE RECEIVER SHALL** then make a return but thereafter either player of the disabled pair may make returns. However, no part of a player's wheelchair nor a foot of a standing player of this pair shall protrude beyond the imaginary extension of the centre line of the table. If it does, the umpire shall award the point to the opposing pair.

TOUCHING THE TABLE WITH YOUR FREE HAND

- **WHEN THE BALL IS IN PLAY**, a player can use their free hand to steady themselves after the ball has been struck (provided that this does not move the table)
- **HOWEVER THE PLAYER CANNOT USE THEIR FREE HAND** to help them serve the ball

- **Since 2005** when a handicapped player participates in an able bodied competition; all players must adapt their rules to handicap rules

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

POOL PHASE REGULATIONS

**MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER
(PROVIDED A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PLAYERS REGISTER)**

1ST TOUR

Player N°2 of the pool	vs	Player N°5 of the pool	Auto-refereed
Player N°3 of the pool	vs	Player N°4 of the pool	Umpire: player N°1 of the pool

2ND TOUR

Player N°1 of the pool	vs	Player N°5 of the pool	Umpire: player N°4 of the pool
Player N°2 of the pool	vs	Player N°3 of the pool	Auto-refereed

3RD TOUR

Player N°1 of the pool	vs	Player N°4 of the pool	Auto-refereed
Player N°3 of the pool	vs	Player N°5 of the pool	Umpire: player N°2 of the pool

4TH TOUR

Player N°1 of the pool	vs	Player N°3 of the pool	Auto-refereed
Player N°4 of the pool	vs	Player N°2 of the pool	Umpire: player N°5 of the pool

5TH TOUR

Player N°1 of the pool	vs	Player N°2 of the pool	Auto-refereed
Player N°4 of the pool	vs	Player N°5 of the pool	Umpire: player N°3 of the pool

- **THE FINAL RANKINGS OF POOL**

PLAYERS will be made taking into account the number of matches won and if necessary the best difference between won sets or the highest point difference

- **POINT DIFFERENCE WILL ONLY BE**

CALCULATED between players who have won the same number of matches. In the case of a complete tie, age will be taken into consideration, with the older competitor being favoured

FINAL STAGE REGULATIONS

THE NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS IN THE FINAL STAGES DEPENDS ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. THE MAXIMUM BEING 1/16 IN THE FINALE. IF THE MAXIMUM NUMBER IS REACHED THE LEAGUE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- **THE 1ST AND 2ND PLACE QUALIFIERS** will move directly to the final league. The 3rd and 4th place qualifiers will play in the third place round and the 5th place participant will be eliminated
- **THE 1ST AND 2ND PLACE QUALIFIERS** will move directly to the finals phase. The 3rd and 4th place qualifiers will play in the consolation phase and the 5th place participant will be eliminated



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AWARD CEREMONY AND MEDICAL



THE CEREMONY

- **THE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES** for each category and each event will take place at the end of the competition at the Athletes Village in a venue set up for this purpose or directly at the competition venue.

MEDALS

- **MEDALS BY CATEGORY:** For each category, 4 players or teams will receive a medal. In the event of certain categories being grouped together, within the same event, each of these categories will have 4 medallists.
- **EACH TEAM WILL RECEIVE ONE MEDAL** per player registered

ANTHEM

- **NO NATIONAL ANTHEM WILL BE PLAYED**

MEDICAL EXAMS

- **HEALTH CARE COVERAGE DURING THE EUROPEAN MASTERS GAMES NICE 2015**, will be arranged by the Games executive committee in accordance with the specifications of the International Masters Games Association. It will come into effect from 1st to 11th October after being approved by the Alpes-Maritimes administrative centre.
- **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE** for medical devices at the venues and the Athletes Village, the participants, the referees, the judges, the volunteers and the spectators. They will provide a high-quality, efficient and well-organized health service which respects the high standards enforced in France.

**DURING THE EMG,
VOLUNTEERS
WILL BE THERE
TO HELP THE HEALTH
COMMITTEE**

ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

- **THE INTERNATIONAL MASTERS GAMES ASSOCIATION** has put the executive committee in charge of enforcing anti-doping rules and setting up anti-doping inspections.
- **ANTI-DOPING INSPECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE** in compliance with advice given by the International Masters Games Association taken from the World Anti-Doping Code.
- **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ATHLETES** and others involved in the events to be aware of the anti-doping regulations and the rules regarding the substances and methods which are banned.

ANNEX 1: TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

POOL PHASE

POOL 1

A1
B1
C1
D1
E1

POOL 2

A2
B2
C2
D2
E2



POOL 16

A16
B16
C16
D16
E16

MATCHES SAMPLE

POOL 1 (5 rounds)

1ST

TOUR

B1 vs E1

C1 vs D1

2ND

TOUR

A1 vs E1

B1 vs C1

3RD

TOUR

A1 vs D1

E1 vs C1

4TH

TOUR

A1 vs C1

D1 vs B1

5TH

TOUR

A1 vs B1

D1 vs E1

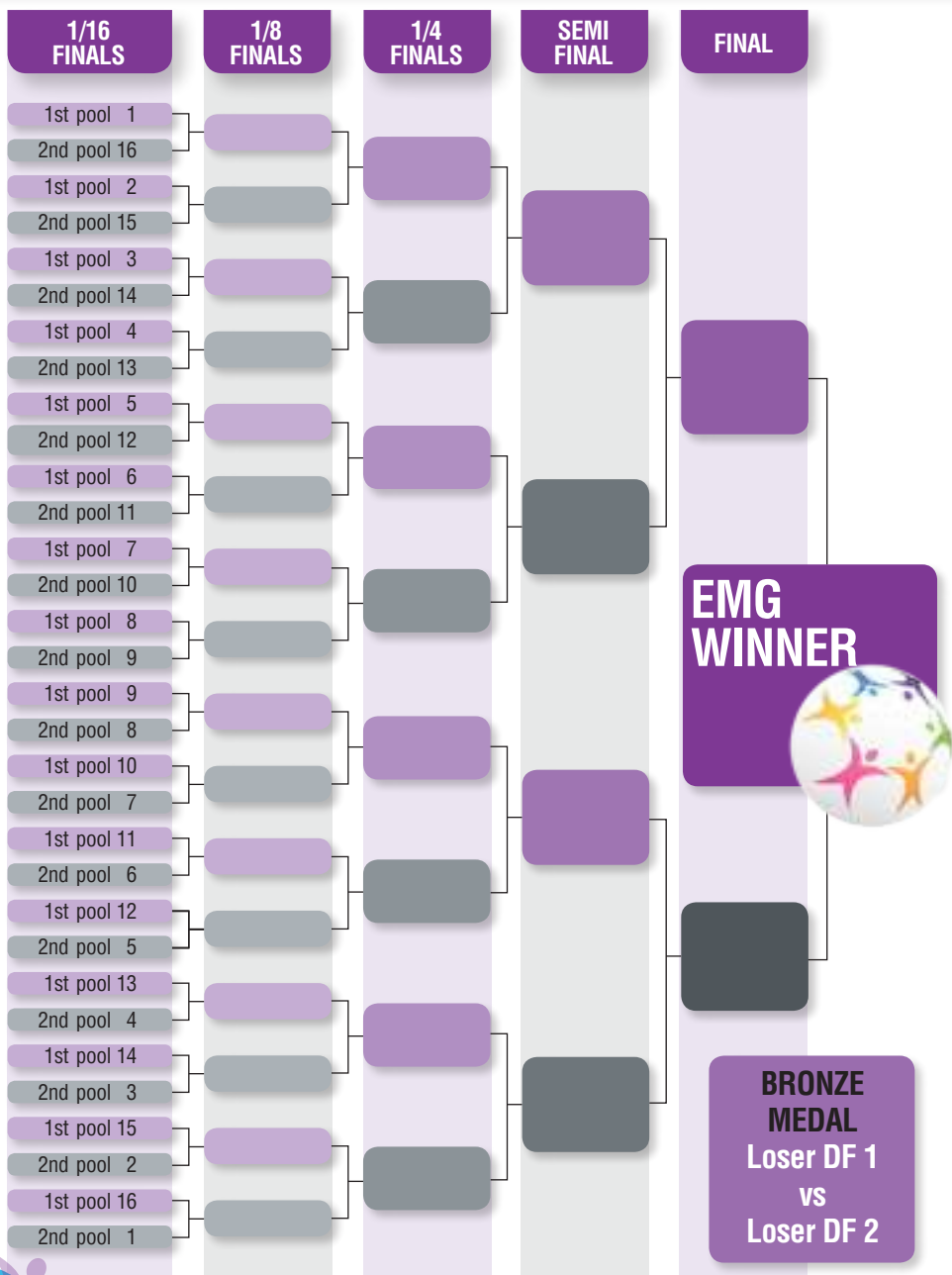
- **4 MATCHES BY PLAYER** or team
- **THE 1ST AND 2ND ARE QUALIFIED** for the finals phase and **THE 3RD AND 4TH** are qualified for the **CONSOLATION PHASE**
- **THE 5TH ARE ELIMINATED**



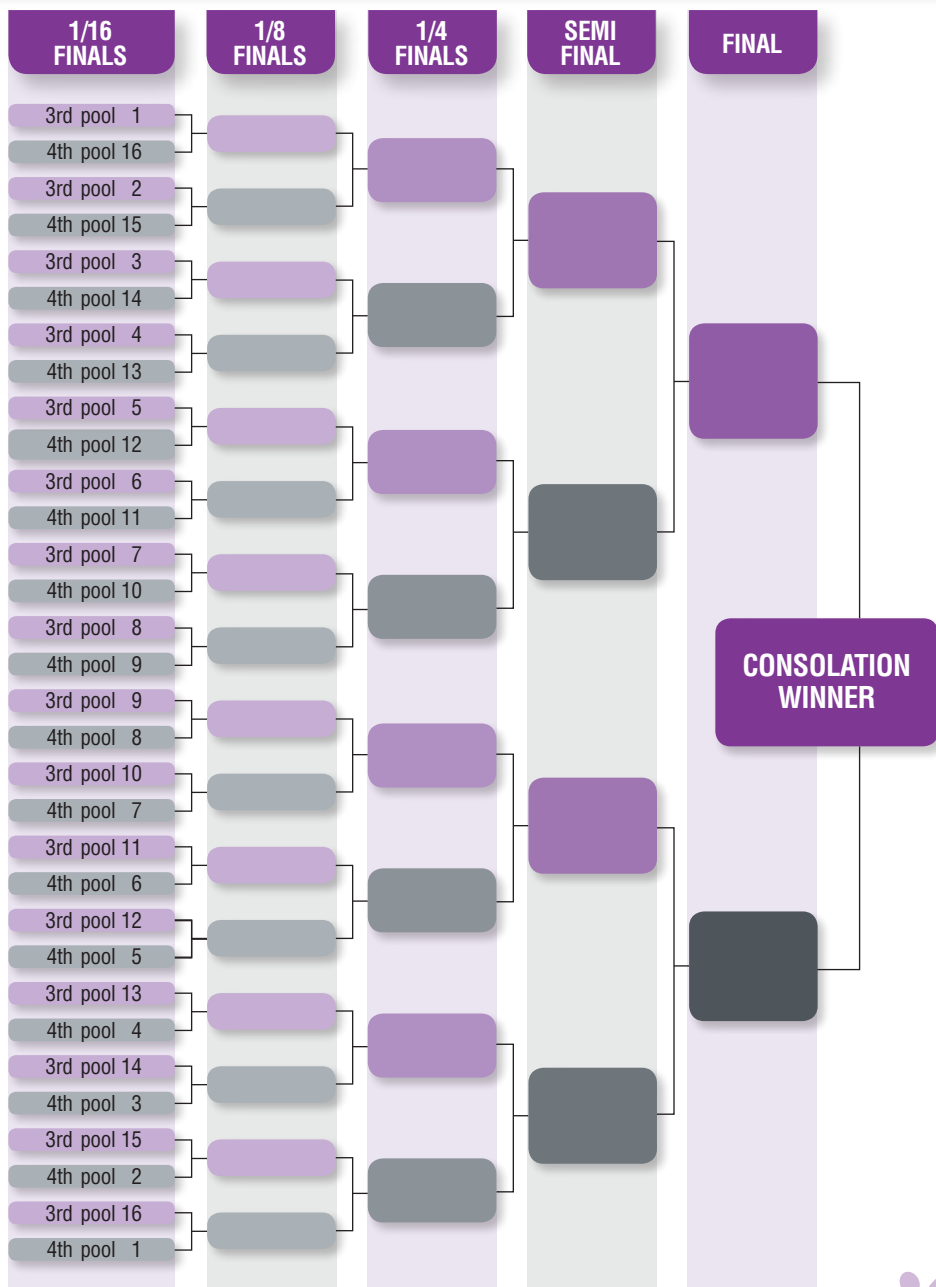
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FINALS PHASE



CONSOLATION PHASE



ANNEX 2: PROVISIONAL PLANNING OF GAMES

CURRENT SCHEDULE IS ONLY PROPOSED TO HAVE AN IDEA THE RUNNING COMPETITION, AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED IN EACH CATEGORY

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

	THU 1 st OCT	FRI 2 nd OCT	SAT 3 rd OCT	SUN 4 th OCT	MON 5 th OCT	TUE 6 th OCT	WED 7 th OCT	THU 8 th OCT	FRI 9 th OCT	SAT 10 th OCT
SINGLES MEN	POOL PHASE		1/16, 1/8 AND 1/4 FINALS		1/2 AND FINAL					
SINGLES WOMEN	POOL PHASE		1/16, 1/8 AND 1/4 FINALS		1/2 AND FINAL					
DOUBLES MEN					POOL PHASE	1/16, 1/8 AND 1/4 FINALS	1/2 AND FINAL			
DOUBLES WOMEN					POOL PHASE	1/16, 1/8 AND 1/4 FINALS	1/2 AND FINAL			
DOUBLES MIXED					POOL PHASE	1/16, 1/8 AND 1/4 FINALS	1/2 AND FINAL			



PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF THE HANDICAP COMPETITION

	THU 1 st OCT	FRI 2 nd OCT	SAT 3 rd OCT	SUN 4 th OCT	MON 5 th OCT	TUE 6 th OCT	WED 7 th OCT	THU 8 th OCT	FRI 9 th OCT	SAT 10 th OCT
SINGLES MEN HANDI							POOL PHASE		1/16, 1/8 AND 1/4 FINALS	1/2 AND FINAL
SINGLES WOMEN HANDI							POOL PHASE		1/16, 1/8 AND 1/4 FINALS	1/2 AND FINAL
DOUBLES MEN HANDI									POOL PHASE	1/16, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 AND FINAL
DOUBLES WOMEN HANDI									POOL PHASE	1/16, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 AND FINAL
DOUBLES MIXED HANDI									POOL PHASE	1/16, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 AND FINAL

GOOD MATCHES!







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