



Xi'an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2026

Friday, January 16, 2026 – Saturday, January 17, 2026

Xi'an International School Gymnasium

Xi'an, Shaanxi – Peoples' Republic of China

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1. Events, Dates, and Times

- Friday, January 16, 2026; 14:00 - TBD
 - Under 11 (U11) Boys Singles Tournament
 - Under 11 (U11) Girls Singles Tournament
 - U19 Team Tournament
- Saturday, January 17, 2026; 10:00 – 15:00
 - Under 14 (U14) Boys Singles Tournament
 - Under 14 (U14) Girls Singles Tournament
 - Under 19 (U19) Boys Singles Tournament
 - Under 19 (U19) Girls Singles Tournament
 - Adult Men’s Singles Tournament
 - Adult Women’s Singles Tournament

2. Location

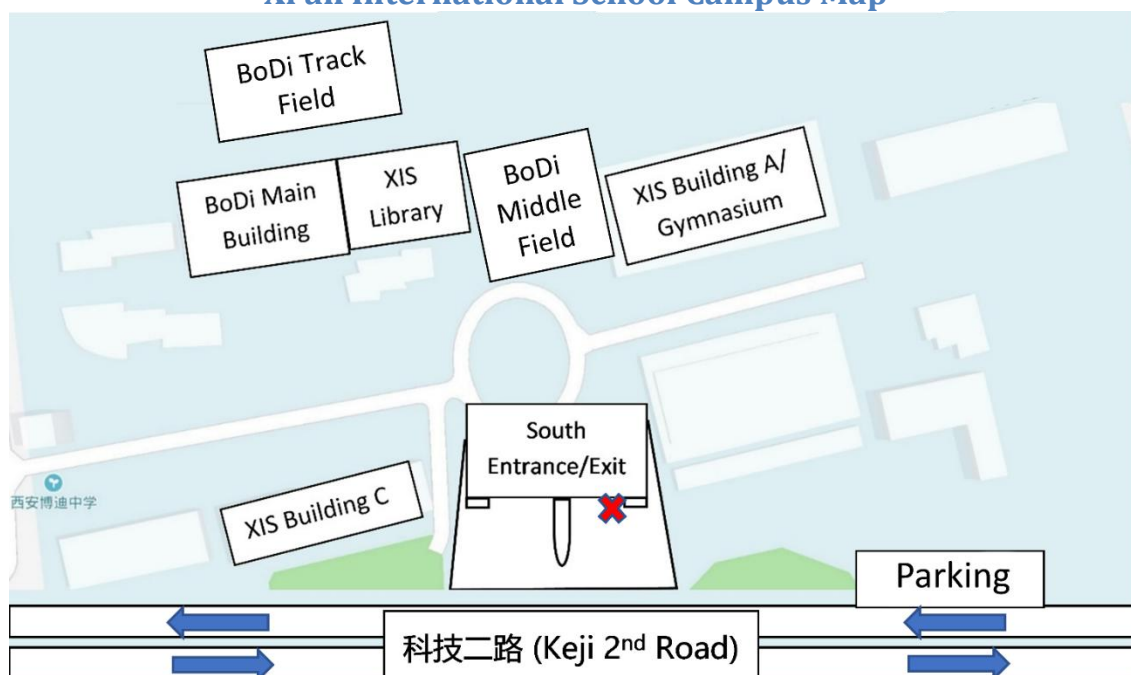
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3. Venue, Map, Transportation and Parking

- Players are asked to ride share or take public transit to the Xi’an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2026 due to limited parking options.
- Those choosing to park outside of the Xi’an BoDi School Campus do so at their own risk.
- XIS will not be responsible for any fees, tickets, or penalties incurred resulting from improper parking.

Xi'an International School Campus Map



4. Tournament Director

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- If there is a dispute as to a rule interpretation or score dispute, the Tournament Director will be notified and decide.
- The Tournament Director's decision will be considered final.

5. Deadlines

- **Registration:** Friday, December 19, 2025
- **Roster Substitutions/Exchanges:** Tuesday, January 6, 2026
- **Payment:** Thursday, January 8, 2026

****Each day's deadline will be the end of the day at 11:59pm China Standard Time. ****

6. Eligibility and Disqualification

- General Eligibility Requirements
 - All participants must sign in at registration in the gym before their scheduled match time.
 - Students in the U11, U14, or U19 Divisions must be a full-time student at their respective school.
 - Students in the U11, U14, or U19 Divisions may not enter the tournament unattached to a school.

Age Division*	Maximum Age
U11	Born on or after September 1, 2014.
U14	Born on or after September 1, 2011.
U19	Born on or after September 1, 2006.

- Disqualification
 - Any person or team found to violate the age rules listed above will:
 - Removed from the Xi'an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2026.
 - Forfeit all awards and placements earned.
 - Potentially be barred from participating in any future XIAC sponsored events.
 - The Tournament Director will make the final decision regarding any disqualification from the Xi'an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2026.
 - Entry fees will not be refunded for disqualified players or teams.

7. Registration

- All Registrations will be made at the following link or QR Code:



- **Under 11 (U11), Under 14 (U14), Under 19 (U19) Boys and Girls Singles Tournaments**
 - Limit 2 students per gendered age group tournament entry from each school.
 - Additional entries will be put on a waiting list
 - Schools will be notified if waitlisted students are moved into tournament.
 - Entry fees will not be paid by waitlisted students unless entered into the tournament.
- **U19 Team Tournament**
 - Limit 1 team per school entry
 - Additional Teams may be placed on a waiting list.
 - Teams will submit the names of 3 students (A, B, C) plus 2 alternates (D, E).
- **Mens, Women's Adult Tournaments**
 - Limit 1 registration per person
 - Adult Tournament will not have any limit on the number of participants.
- **Coach Registrations**
 - 1 coach will be permitted per Singles Player
 - 2 coaches will be permitted per U19 Team
 - All coaches wishing to represent their players or school are required to register for the event.
 - Adults do not need to register a coach

8. Payment

- **Entry Fee for Singles Tournaments: 40 RMB**
 - U11 Boys, U11 Girls, U14 Boys, U14 Girls, U19 Boys, U19 Girls Tournaments, Adult Men Tournament, Adult Women Tournament.
- **Entry Fee for U19 Team Tournament: 100 RMB**
- Please pay using the Alipay QR Code below.
 - Please include the name of the applicable student(s) in the memo section.



- A fapiao is not able to be issued for payments toward this Invitational.
 - If you or your school need a receipt, please contact the Tournament Director.


9. Cancellation and Refund Policy

- If the Xi'an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2026 is cancelled for any reason, a full refund shall be issued to each participant.
- If a player withdraws from the Xi'an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2026 before Tuesday, January 6, 2026, a full refund shall be issued.
- If a player withdraws from the Xi'an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2026 on or after Tuesday, January 6, 2026, no refund will be issued.

10. Rules

- The Xi'an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2026 will follow rules stated in Section 2 of "[The International Table Tennis Federation Handbook 2022](#)."
- Please note that special emphasis will be placed on the serve this year.
 - Must be a visible, tossed ball.
 - Contact must be made behind the table.
 - With this point of emphasis, the lower in age, the looser the enforcement of it.
 - If a player feels that this rule is not being followed on purpose or excessively being violated, then a coach can be called over to observe and assist in calling the game.
- Player jerseys and shorts should not be colored white or gray.
- Players on a team shall be dressed as uniformly as possible.
- Scoreboards will indicate: Blue = Home; Red = Away
- Players will be responsible for filling in match cards accurately.
- Once complete, individual and team match cards will be submitted to the appropriate scorer's table for record keeping and bracket updates.
- As a reminder, if there is a dispute as to a rule interpretation or score dispute, the Tournament Director will be notified and decide. The Tournament Director's decision will be considered final.

11. Conduct Expectations



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EVENT CODE OF CONDUCT

XIS is committed to creating a safe, respectful and harassment-free experience for all guests, employees, and students at the XIS Campus.


With the help of everyone, guests and staff have the right to expect an environment where:

- Guests always show respect to fellow guests, employees, and students within the campus at all times.
- Guests are to refrain from any behavior that could be perceived as threatening such as fighting, throwing items, and/or using foul or abusive language or gestures.
- Guests do not display indecent or inappropriate messaging on signage or clothing.
- Guests follow the instructions from XIS representatives regarding venue operations and emergency procedures.
- Guests adhere to the "Prohibited Items" list when entering the venue.


The above guidelines have been established to ensure events at XIS are successful and enjoyable for all. Guests are encouraged to report any inappropriate behavior or items to the nearest XIS representative.

Guests who violate this Code of Conduct may be subject to removal from campus and, to the extent their conduct constitutes a violation of law, may be subject to additional action.

We thank you for your cooperation and collective effort.



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WARRIORS!**





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EVENT PROHIBITED ITEMS



NO ALCOHOL



**NO
SMOKING/VAPING**



NO WEAPONS

XIS is a smoke-free, alcohol-free, and weapon-free campus.

Guests are encouraged to report any inappropriate behavior or items to the nearest XIS representative.



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- The Xi'an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2025 will follow conduct expectations outlined in Section 6 of "[The International Table Tennis Federation Handbook 2022](#)."
- If a player(s) has a situation regarding another player's conduct, it should be reported to the Tournament Director.
- Profanities, or use of ethnic or derogatory slurs in any language will NOT be permitted at any time.
- Players must always be in control of their own equipment.
- If a player is found to be in violation of the ITTF conduct expectations or those listed above, whether in word or spirit, the following process will be used:
 - First offense: Warning
 - Second offense: Loss of Point
 - Third offense: Loss of Game
 - Fourth offense: Loss of Match
- In all matters regarding discipline and conduct, the Tournament Director's decision will be considered final.
- Any action(s) considered egregious by any player, team, coach, spectator or official will risk disqualification from the Xi'an Silk Road Table Tennis Invitational Winter 2026.

12. Schedules of Play

- *Latest update: Friday, November 21, 2025*
- Friday, January 16, 2026: U11 Boys, U11 Girls Singles Tournaments, U19 Team Tournament

Time	Event
13:20	Preview Meeting at XIS Gymnasium
13:40	Pre-Match Warmups Begin
14:00	Round 1, 2 Matches/ Team Round Robin Tournament
TBD	Round 3, 4, 5 Matches / Team Placement Matches Team Championship: 1 Seed (TBD) vs. 2 Seed (TBD) Team 3 rd Place: #3 Seed (TBD) vs. #4 Seed (TBD)Team
TBD	Semifinals, Championship and 3 rd Place Matches
TBD	Anticipated End of Matches
TBD	Awards Ceremony and Presentation / Awards Ceremony and Presentation
TBD	End of Friday Events

- Saturday, January 17, 2026: U14 Boys, U14 Girls, U19 Boys, U19 Girls, Adult Men's, Adult Women's Singles Tournaments

Time	Event
9:20	Preview Meeting at XIS Gymnasium
9:40	Pre-Match Warmups Begin
10:00	Round 1, 2 Matches
TBD	Round 3, 4, 5 Matches
TBD	Semifinals, Championship and 3 rd Place Matches
14:30	Anticipated End of Matches Start of Award Ceremonies
15:00	Anticipated End of Saturday Events

13. Systems of Play

- **Singles Tournaments**
 - Game formats: best of 5; 11-point game needed to win by 2 points.
 - Double Elimination Bracket
 - A minimum of 4 individuals will be needed for each singles tournament.
 - A maximum of 16 individuals will be permitted for each singles tournament.
- **Team Tournament**
 - Teams will consist of 3-5 students per team.
 - A minimum of 2 Teams is needed for Team Tournament, and a maximum of 8 Teams.
 - ITTF Olympic Format for Matches (shown below)

- Round Robin (3 rounds)
 - All teams play a 3-round round robin schedule.
 - After the round robin, teams are re-seeded by record for:
 - ❖ Championship match (1st vs 2nd)
 - ❖ 3rd place match (3rd vs 4th)
- Tiebreaker order (use in sequence until the tie is resolved):
 - Head-to-head winner
 - Most games won
 - Point differential (points scored – points allowed)
 - Most points scored
 - Coin flip
- If three or more teams are tied, apply the tiebreakers until one tie is broken, then restart the procedure as needed until all ties are resolved.
- ITTF Olympic Format

- Each team match has 5 matches

Round	Team A	Team B
Round 1: Doubles Match	Player 2 + Player 3	Player 2 + Player 3
Round 1: Singles Match	Player 1	Player 1

Round	Team A	Team B
Round 2: Singles Match	Player 1	Player 2
Round 2: Singles Match	Player 2	Player 1
Round 2: Singles Match	Player 3	Player 3

- The team winning 3 of the 5 matches will be considered the winner of the team match.

14. Tournament Seeding

• Singles Tournaments, Adult Tournaments

- Random assignment seeding. Once seeded, a player will not be reseeded for their tournament.
- Seeding will be announced on Friday, January 9, 2026.
- If a player withdraws from the tournament, a player from the respective waitlist will be activated to take their place. Position on the waitlist will be determined by time of registration.

• Team Tournament

- Each team's seeding will be considered "locked" on Friday, January 9, 2026.
- Each team will be responsible for their own individual player's seeding
 - (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
- Teams will seed their students 1, 2, and 3 according to skill level.
 - 1 will be the highest ranked student on the team
 - 3 will be the lowest ranked student on the team
 - In the event a registered student 1, 2, or 3 cannot participate, the order of seeds will move up by 1 place until the team is complete.
 - Example: Player 1 is unable to attend tournament.

	Original Lineup	Amended
Slot 1	1	2
Slot 2	2	3
Slot 3	3	4
Slot 4 (Reserve)	4	5
Slot 5 (Reserve)	5	-

15. Awards

- **Under 11 Boys/Girls, U14 Boys/Girls, U19 Boys/Girls, Adult Men's/Women's Tournaments**
 - 1st Place – Gold Medal
 - 2nd Place – Silver Medal
 - 3rd Place – Bronze Medal
- **U19 Team Tournament**
 - 1st Place – Championship Trophy + 6, Championship Medals
 - 2nd Place – Runner-Up Trophy + 6, Runner-Up Medals
 - 3rd Place – 6, 3rd Place Medals
 - Most Sporting Team Award
 - Awarded to the team which exhibits the most sportsmanlike attitude throughout the tournament.
 - As described in the ITTF Handbook 2022: "Players, coaches, ... shall uphold the object of good presentation of the sport and safeguard its integrity by refraining from any attempt to influence the elements of a competition in a manner contrary to sporting ethics:" (2022, ITTF, page 54)
 - Cannot be awarded to a team which has received conduct complaints at any point during the Invitational.
 - All Tournament Selections (8 students)
 - Awarded to players who exhibit the most skill and aptitude in the given sport or activity.

16. Team Tournament Awards Voting

- **Sportsmanship Award**
 - Nomination will occur after the Team Tournament on Friday, January 16, 2026.
 - Each team's coaching staff will have 1 vote which they may use to nominate 1 team.
 - The Most Sporting Team award shall be given to the team that is judged to have best exemplified the code of conduct throughout all regular season fixtures and the final tournament.
 - A coach from each team in the tournament will provide one written vote for the Most Sporting Team.
 - All teams are eligible to receive the award, and the intention is for the most deserving team to win it, regardless of finishing position.
- **All Tournament Selection**
 - Nomination will occur after the Team Tournament on Saturday, January 17, 2026.
 - Each team's coaching staff will have 1 vote which they may use to nominate 1 player.
 - 8 Players Total
 - Selected by all coaches
 - 2 Players from #1 Tournament Team
 - 1 Players from #2 Tournament Team
 - All other players may come from any other team.

17. Liability and Permissions

- A liability and media rights permission form will be signed by a representative from each school upon registration. Media rights permissions in this form will include but are not limited to:
 - television coverage
 - video coverage
 - internet web casting
 - motion picture coverage
 - photographic coverage of any kind
- Players or schools wishing to have a copy of these forms for future reference, may request the Tournament Director to email an electronic copy.

18. Medical Services

- A first aid station will be available for both days of the event.
- If specific medical needs are known, each team is asked to bring their own supplies and medications to address them.

19. Meals

- Players will be encouraged to eat meals before and after the tournament as vendors will not be provided during the event.
- Food vendors are expected to be in attendance for this event.
- A hospitality room with light snacks and refreshments will be provided for all coaches, tournament staff, and referees.
 - Please present your Coaches Credential to enter into the Hospitality Room.
 - This area will be located behind the Food Vendor Area.
 - All those who use the hospitality room are reminded to maintain sportsmanship and decorum within.

20. Venue Equipment

Tables: DHS T2023	Color: Blue	Count: 20
Balls: DHS D40+ ***	Color: White	
Floor: Green		