

The tournament for classic table tennis with uniform bats



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

23st edition: May 30/31, 2026

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

Sunday (Sandpaper): Only uniform
sandpaper rackets permitted: fine
sandpaper layer on the wood

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

Hardbat/Sandpaper I: open to all
Hardbat/Sandpaper II: up to Q-TTR 1600
Hardbat/Sandpaper III: up to Q-TTR 1400
Hardbat/Sandpaper IV: up to Q-TTR 1200

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

**Tournament licence (TLEI) or event
licence of DTTB is mandatory!**

For more information see:

www.hardbat-tischtennis.de

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- Name of Tournament:** Nordhorn Classic Open 2026
- Organizer:** SV Vorwärts Nordhorn
- Events:** **Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 14.00 o'clock:**
Hardbat I, Hardbat II, Hardbat III, Hardbat IV:
singles and doubles in each class
- Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 10.00 o'clock:**
Sandpaper I, Sandpaper II, Sandpaper III, Sandpaper IV:
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 ALMA-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:** All starters require a valid tournament licence from German Table Tennis Association (DTTB) for adults (TLEI) or an event licence for this tournament. This also applies to foreign players.
- Jury:** three persons from different clubs – nomination at tournament day
- Tables:** 12 JOOLA Duomat pro, blue surface
- Nets:** JOOLA WM Ultra
- 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 classes by the quarterly table tennis rating values (Q-TTR-values) from andro ranking list of 11.02.2026 (see: www.myTischtennis.de) as follows:
- Hardbat/Sandpaper I: open for all players
Hardbat/Sandpaper II: open for all players with a Q-TTR-value up to 1600
Hardbat/Sandpaper III: open for all players with a Q-TTR-value up to 1400
Hardbat/Sandpaper IV: open for all players with a Q-TTR-value up to 1200
- Players without a Q-TTR-value are put into one of the four 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).

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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 2007 or later) each pay half.

The entry fee has to be paid until 15 min. before start of tournament.

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: exclusively online via the portal myTischtennis.de
<https://www.mytischtennis.de/click-tt/TTVN/turnier/763180?origin=turnierkalender> until Thursday, 28.05.2026 at 23.59 o'clock. Entries by e-mail will not be accepted.

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

Late entries: Entries, which are not present up to May 28, 2026, 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. A tournament licence is also required for late entries.

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

Awards: Prize money for the first 4 players in singles and the first 2 pairs in doubles

	1st place singles	2nd place singles	3rd place singles	3rd place singles	1st place doubles	2nd place doubles
Hardbat I	120,- €	60,- €	30,- €	30,- €	60,- €	30,- €
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	120,- €	60,- €	30,- €	30,- €	60,- €	30,- €
Sandpaper II	40,- €	20,- €	10,- €	10,- €	20,- €	10,- €
Sandpaper III	40,- €	20,- €	10,- €	10,- €	20,- €	10,- €
Sandpaper IV	40,- €	20,- €	10,- €	10,- €	20,- €	10,- €

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 former 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. 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.

Tournament party:

On Saturday, 30 May 2026, following the tournament, for all participants and accompanying persons at the PingPongParkinson Deutschland hall at Barbarastr. 18 (1.8 km from the tournament venue). Free entry.

Permisson:

Table Tennis Association of Lower Saxony (TTVN) with No. 01-26/05-06

After the tournament has been held 13 times as a pure hardbat tournament on one day, SV Vorwärts Nordhorn picked up on the worldwide trend towards sandpaper table tennis in 2014. As the first open tournament in Germany, the Nordhorn Classic Open will therefore once again offer sandpaper classes on the second day of the tournament. This year, for the second time, a Sandpaper III and a Sandpaper IV competition will also be held in order to give the less skilled participants a chance to win. Once again, standardised bats will be used on both days, including the hardbat competitions on Saturday.

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

The rule introduced by the DTTB for the period from 1.7.2024 that only those who have a valid tournament licence or event licence may participate in all official tournaments throughout Germany will also have an impact on our tournament. We cannot avoid applying this rule either.

You can find out how to obtain a tournament licence for adults (TLEI) at <https://www.mytischtennis.de/click-tt/turnierlizenz>. The way to acquire the event licence is the same as described above under 'Entries'.

If you have any questions regarding the acquisition of the tournament licence or the registration process, please contact hmeyer@ttvn.de (Tel. 0049/231/148224).

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