



England to face Japan at Team World Cup

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England's men have been drawn to face Japan and Egypt in the group stage of the ITTF Team World Cup, while the women will meet Hong Kong and Singapore.

England's men, who qualified by virtue of their bronze medal at the 2016 World Team Championships, knew they would face either Japan or China because of the seedings.

When the balls were drawn out of the bowls today, it was Group B which welcomed England – the group headed by second seeds Japan.

It means a chance to take on the latest table tennis sensation, 14-year-old Tomokazu Harimoto, at the Copper Box Arena on Thursday evening – the match is scheduled for 7pm.

[Tickets are still available for the Thursday evening session – click here to buy tickets](#)

England's second match will be on Friday (scheduled at noon) against African champions Egypt.

England women will start their campaign against Hong Kong on Thursday morning, following up against Singapore on Friday morning.

Full draw

Men's

Group A: China, Sweden, France

Group B: Japan, England, Egypt

Group C: Germany, South Korea, Australia

Group D: Hong Kong, Brazil, USA

Women's

Group A: Japan, Egypt, USA

Group B: China, Brazil, North Korea

Group C: Hong Kong, Singapore, England

Group D: Chinese Taipei, Romania, Australia

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