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**INDEPENDENT FOOSBALL PROMOTIONS (IFP) ANNOUNCES THE 2007 \$30,000  
KENTUCKY STATE FOOSBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

**- Lexington Tournament Draws Top "Foosball" Players from Around the World -**

Lexington, KY – All around the world athletes are training, conditioning and studying each other's moves in preparation for a very unique sports competition: the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky State Foosball Championships. To be held August 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn North at 1950 Newtown Pike in Lexington, this event is expected to draw over 400 table soccer (a.k.a. "foosball") players, including members of the U.S. National Team. The tournament will include categories for men, women and children from beginner to Master, and will additionally feature the "foosball" events of the Blue Grass Summer Games.

Now recognized as an International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) Master Series event, the annual Kentucky tournament has even been elevated to international tour status. This means the competition is likely to draw match ups between top American players such as defending champion and USA #1-ranked Billy Pappas, 22, of Lowell, MA and other U.S. Team members against National Team members from Canada, Ireland, Germany, the United Kingdom and more. Players at the Master levels will not only compete for cash and prizes at the event, but also for qualifying points to compete at the ITSF World Championship Finals in St. Vincent, Italy this coming October. Competition this year will also feature a qualification event for U.S. National Junior Singles Champion, with the winner earning both a trip to the world finals in Italy and also a berth on the U.S. National Team.

The tournament is organized by Kentucky's own Independent Foosball Promotions and sanctioned by both the United States Table Soccer Federation and ITSF. It is open to all spectators and press, and there is no admission fee to enter the tournament room. Opening events begin at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, with most finals occurring on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>. The Blue Grass State Games events are on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> and include 17 & under Singles, 12 & under Singles, Parent/Child Doubles, and more. You must be pre-registered for the Blue Grass Games (see: [www.bgsg.org](http://www.bgsg.org)), but for IFP events players can register on site. All competition will be on Brunswick's Tornado Table Soccer™ tables, and tables will be set on free play.

Sponsors of the annual event are Little Caesars, Rent Way, Budweiser., and the Lexington Holiday Inn North, while sponsors of the U.S. National Foosball Team include Brunswick's Tornado Table Soccer™, Borden Milk Products of North Texas, Warrior Custom Golf, Bonzini™ USA, Foosball.com, Rod-lock.com and TTR MasterWraps.

Other ITSF 2007 World Tour events are scheduled for Austria, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, South Africa, United States (Minnesota, Nevada, and Texas), the UK and more. In fact, this year's five-continent, 62 tournament tour will be the largest worldwide table soccer pro tour ever!!

For additional details about the event and the sport of table soccer, please see the following websites:

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| <a href="http://www.vifa.com">www.vifa.com</a>                 | - Tournament/league information site  |
| <a href="http://www.table-soccer.org">www.table-soccer.org</a> | - ITSF official web site/international rankings/news                              |
| <a href="http://www.foosball.com">www.foosball.com</a>         | - General information about the sport of table soccer                             |
| <a href="http://www.ustsf.org">www.ustsf.org</a>               | - USTSF official web site/Pro Tour & U.S. National Team sponsorship opportunities |

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