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**U.S. TABLE SOCCER FEDERATION ANNOUNCES
\$5,000 FLORIDA STATE FOOSBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

“Foosball” Stars Compete in Preparation for World Championships

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL – Normally a popular local hub of bowling and entertainment, the Strikers Family Sports Center will also be host to this year’s Florida State Table Soccer Championships, to be held October 9-12 in Sunrise, Florida. The annual tournament event is expected to draw a large contingent of local table soccer (a.k.a. “foosball”) enthusiasts and even internationally ranked players from throughout the region.

Recently recognized as an International Table Soccer Federation (ITSF) Pro Tour event, the Florida State Foosball Championships has now been elevated to international status. And with the ITSF’s 2008 World Tour nearing season’s end, many top Masters are striving to increase or lock-in their final rankings – key to their qualification and seeding for the ITSF World Championship Finals being held January 8-11, 2009 in Nantes, France. As a result, competition in the Open categories is expected to be fierce. Particularly exciting will be the Open Doubles event, which starts at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Among top contenders will be Florida’s own Tom Yore and Bobby Diaz, the reigning U.S. National Doubles Champions.

This year’s tournament takes place on Brunswick’s Tornado Table Soccer tables, one of five different styles of table soccer tables currently endorsed by the ITSF for use in international competition. With skill categories from to beginner through Master, events include doubles, singles, mixed doubles and specialty events such as “goalie war” and “forward shootout.” The tournament will also feature a special playoff for the “Florida Cup.”

The tournament area is open to all press and spectators and there is no admission fee to view the matches. For participants, registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9th, with most finals occurring on Sunday the 12th. Sponsors include Strikers Family Sports Center and NetFoos.com. Host hotel for the event is the Comfort Inn Sawgrass, 8301 W. Commercial Blvd., Tamarac, FL 33351 (reservations: 1-800-454-6835).

This one of the last events on the 55-tournament 2008 ITSF World Pro Tour, with the USA’s two other remaining tournaments being held in Austin, TX and Green Bay, WI. At the same time, table soccer players across the USA and all around the world are already preparing for ITSF’s five-continent 2009 World Tour, with competitions in Austria, China, Germany, Japan, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and more!

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

- www.netfoos.com - Tournament information/contact site
- www.ustsf.org - USTSF official website/Pro Tour & U.S. National Team sponsorship opportunities
- www.table-soccer.org - ITSF official web site/international rankings/news
- www.foosball.com - General information about the sport of table soccer

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