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**INDEPENDENT FOOSBALL PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCES  
THE 2008 IFP U.S. OPEN OF TABLE SOCCER**

**Top "Foosball" Players Compete in Atlanta for Over \$40,000 in Prizes**

Atlanta, Georgia – Athletes and enthusiasts from around the world are already beginning to gather in Atlanta to compete in a unique sports event: the U.S. Open of Table Soccer (a.k.a. "foosball"). Taking place April 17-20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Airport Hilton, 1031 Virginia Avenue in Atlanta, an estimated 400 participants from as many as 15 countries are expected to face off in "handle-to-handle combat."

Table soccer fans will be watching some of the best foosball action anywhere, with fierce competition expected to occur between members of the U.S. National Team and the national team members of numerous other countries such as Germany, Austria, Costa Rica and the U.K. Adding to the excitement, as a United States Table Soccer Federation sanctioned event the top U.S. finishers in Women's Doubles, Women's Singles and Men's Open Doubles will all qualify to compete in the International Table Soccer Federation's World Championships Finals in Italy in October.

With categories for men and women and beginner through Master, the tournament is open to all comers. Numerous specialty events are also included such as Junior Doubles & Singles, Senior Doubles & Singles, Forward Shootout and Goalie Wars, with most finals held on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. There are entry fees for players who wish to compete in an event, but there is no admission fee to enter the tournament room and both press and spectators are welcome to attend. All competition will take place on Tornado Table Soccer™ tables, made by the Valley-Dynamo division of Brunswick, Inc.

Sponsors of the tournament are Independent Foosball Promotions, TornadoFoosball.com, and the Atlanta Airport Hilton Hotel (reservations: 1-404-767-9000). Sponsors of the U.S. National Team include Brunswick, Foosball.com, Sebastian Custom Warm-ups, and Borden Milk Products of North Texas. Video production and live web-streaming are provided by InsideFoos.com.

Other USTSF/ITSF 2008 World Tour events in the United States are scheduled to take place in Kentucky, North Carolina, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas and even Las Vegas, Nevada, while table soccer players from over 60 countries are gearing up for further ITSF competition in Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, India, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, and the UAE, among others. In fact, this year's 56-tournament, five-continent 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:

[www.ustsf.org](http://www.ustsf.org)  
[www.table-soccer.org](http://www.table-soccer.org)  
[www.vifa.com](http://www.vifa.com)  
[www.foosball.com](http://www.foosball.com)  
[www.foosworld.com](http://www.foosworld.com)

- USTSF official web site/U.S. National Team sponsorship opportunities
- ITSF official web site/international rankings/news
- Tournament/league information site
- General information about the sport of table soccer
- Information about players & regional events across the U.S.A.

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