# Watch Germany Take Home Gold!

Tokyo 2020 Olympics - Table Tennis, July  $24^{th}$  – August  $6^{th}$ , Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium

#### ■Qualified Athletes

- ①World Ranking (Previous best) \*\*Current rankings are as of May 27th
- ②Birthdate (Age) ③Event ④Total Olympic Appearances ⑤Previous Olympic Results

# <Men>

- ◆Dimitrij Ovtcharov
- ①September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1988 (32)
- ②World Ranking: 9th (Best: 1st, January, 2018)
- 3Singles, Teams
- **4**4th Straight Olympic Appearance
- ⑤2008 Beijing Men's Teams Silver 2012 London - Men's Singles - Bronze

Teams - Bronze

2016 Rio de Janeiro - Men's Teams - Bronze

- ◆Patrick Franziska
- ①June 11th, 1992 (29)
- ②World Ranking: 16th (Best: 13th, November, 2018)
- 3 Mixed Doubles, Teams
- **4** First Olympic Appearance

#### ◆Timo Boll

- ①March 8th, 1981 (40)
- 2 World Ranking: 11th (Best: 1st, March, 2018)
- **3**Singles, Teams
- 46th Straight Olympic Appearance
- ⑤2008 Beijing Men's Teams Silver2012 London Men's Singles Bronze2016 Rio de Janeiro Men's Teams Bronze



## <Women>

- ◆Petrissa Solja
- ①March 11th, 1994 (27)
- 2) World Ranking: 20th (Best: 13th, June, 2016)
- Singles, Mixed Doubles, Teams
- 42nd Straight Olympic Appearance
- 52016 Rio de Janeiro Women's Teams Silver

- ♦Han Ying
- ①April 29th, 1983 (38)
- 2 World Ranking: 22nd (Best: 6th, February, 2017)
- ③Singles, Teams
- 42nd Straight Olympic Appearance
- 52016 Rio de Janeiro Women's Teams Silver

- ◆Shan Xiaona (Teams)
- ①January 18th, 1983 (38)
- 2 World Ranking: 41st (Best: 12th, March, 2017)
- 3Teams
- 42nd Straight Olympic Appearance
- (5)2016 Rio de Janeiro Women's Teams Silver



#### The German National Table Tennis Team

Germany is a table tennis powerhouse in both men's and women's events. At the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics, Germany took silver in the women's team event, and a bronze in the men's team event. Germany is also home to long-time table tennis legend Timo Boll, who was previously number-one in the world, and will make his 6<sup>th</sup> straight Olympic appearance in Tokyo.

### Asahi City and Germany

As part of Chiba Prefecture's sports exchange activities with Dusseldorf City in Germany, Asahi has served as the host for table tennis exchanges since 2009, and has continued to host reciprocal table tennis exchanges between students in Chiba (Asahi City) and Dusseldorf.

These exchanges led to Asahi registering as a Host Town for Germany on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

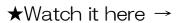






#### Message from Germany

The German Men's Olympic Table Tennis Team sent us a video message. This message was made possible by the cooperation of the German Table Tennis Association and Borussia Dusseldorf, and the close relationship built with Germany through our regular exchange activities.







### For more information

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