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Eduard Ionescu

AGE

21

EU RANKING

14

NATION

ROMANIAN

PLAYING STYLE

AGGRESSIVE ATTACKER

PLAYING HAND

RIGHT

CLUB

FC SAARBRÜCKEN TT

DATE OF BIRTH	9 NOVEMBER 2004
HEIGHT	173 CM
PLACE OF BIRTH	BUZĂU, ROMANIA
GRIP STYLE	SHAKEHAND
COACH	WANG ZHI / ANDREI FILIMON
WORLD RANKING	43
CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)	FC SAARBRÜCKEN TT

MEDALS AND TITLES

European Championships

- 2025 Zadar Team, Silver medal – second place

Romanian National Championships

- 2025 Bucharest Mixed Doubles, Gold medal – first place (with Bernadette Szöcs)

European Under-21 Championships

- 2022 Belgrade Singles, Gold medal – first place
- 2022 Belgrade Doubles, Gold medal – first place
- 2023 Gliwice Singles, Gold medal – first place
- 2023 Gliwice Doubles, Gold medal – first place

Francophone Games

- 2023 Kinshasa Singles, Gold medal – first place
- 2023 Kinshasa Mixed Doubles, Gold medal – first place
- 2023 Kinshasa Mixed Team, Gold medal – first place

PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Eduard Ionescu plays right-handed with a shakehand grip, combining speed, powerful topspin, and quick footwork in a modern, aggressive style. His sharp reflexes and ability to counter-attack under pressure make him a dynamic presence at the table, especially in fast-paced rallies.

Off the table, Ionescu is widely regarded as humble, disciplined, and highly team-oriented. Known for his sportsmanship and work ethic, he has become a fan favorite in Romania and a respected figure among his peers on the international stage.

BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025

European Team Championships (Zadar)

Won silver medal with Romania; featured in key matches including the final against France.

WTT Star Contender (Muscat)

- Defeated 5th seed Jang Woojin en route to the quarterfinals – one of his best international results of the season.

European Under-21 Championships (Bratislava)

- Entered as top seed and reached knockout rounds, confirming his standing among Europe's strongest U21 players.

Romanian National Championships (Bucharest)

- Won the national mixed doubles title with Bernadette Szöcs, strengthening his domestic record.

2024

European Games (Kraków)

- Defeated Álvaro Robles in a key match, marking a significant step in his senior-level breakthrough.

Olympic Games (Paris)

- Made his Olympic debut in Men's Singles; eliminated in the Round of 64 by Quadri Aruna.

2023

WTT Feeder (Otočec)

- Secured a standout victory that boosted his profile on the international circuit.

2022

European Youth Championships (Belgrade)

- Captured gold in U19 Boys' Singles, defeating Poland's Maciej Kubik in the final.

European Youth Championships (Belgrade)

- Led Romania to gold in the Boys' Team event with a 3-0 win over Czech Republic.

CAREER

Born in Buzău, Romania, Eduard Ionescu rose through the junior ranks with multiple gold medals at the European Youth Championships, quickly establishing himself as one of Romania's most promising talents. His transition to senior competition included strong domestic performances and notable international breakthroughs. He represented Romania at the 2024 Summer Olympics and steadily gained exposure on the WTT circuit. In 2025, Ionescu reached key milestones: quarterfinals at WTT Star Contender Muscat, a strong U21 European showing, and a vital role in Romania's silver-medal run at the European Team Championships in Zadar. He currently competes for 1. FC Saarbrücken TT in the German Bundesliga and European club competitions.

LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

As of December 2025, Eduard Ionescu is seen as a leading figure in Romania's next generation of table tennis players. His combination of junior titles, senior-level upsets, and team contributions positions him as a rising force in European table tennis. Looking ahead, Ionescu aims to break into the world's top 30, capture senior WTT/ITTF titles, and help Romania secure gold at future European and World Team events.

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