

# Decisions on Propositions to the AGM 2011

2/3 majority required

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the HKG TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To amend 1.15.2.1 and to amend the ITTF Language Operational Policy</i></p> <p>1.15.2.1 The correspondence and proceedings of the ITTF shall be conducted in English or in such languages convenient for appropriate tasks and within the resources of the ITTF as may be determined from time to time by the Board, having particular regard to Arabic, <b>Chinese</b>, French, German, Russian and Spanish.</p>	<p><b>WITHDRAWN</b></p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the PTT Division</b></p> <p><i>To amend the relevant clauses of chapter 1 and 2 to add "Paralympic" where "Olympic" appears.</i></p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p>1.17.3.2 An Association which fails to pay its subscription for 3 successive years shall automatically be suspended from membership; it shall not be liable for subscriptions during the period of suspension and may be re-admitted to membership on payment of part or all of the subscriptions previously due, at the discretion of the Board. <b>The suspension in this case is a full suspension.</b></p> <p>1.17.3.3 An Association that is suspended from membership shall, <b>including but not limited to</b>, not be entitled to nominate or enter players for any event held under the jurisdiction of the ITTF nor to attend or be represented at a General Meeting, <b>to nominate any person for election to the Executive Committee, Board, any committee, commission or working group nor shall any individual nominated by the Association be entitled to participate in the activities of the Executive Committee, Board, any committee, commission or working group.</b> Further:</p> <p>1.17.3.3.1 <b>no technical official nominated by the Association shall officiate at any ITTF sanctioned event.</b></p> <p>1.17.3.3.2 <b>the Association shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the ITTF including but not limited to participation in development activities nor to receive any grants from the ITTF.</b></p> <p>1.17.3.3.3 <b>the Association shall not be entitled to host an ITTF sanctioned event save that where an ITTF sanctioned event has been approved prior to the suspension, the Executive Committee may establish a committee to oversee the organisation of such sanctioned event under conditions approved by the</b></p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>

**Executive Committee, at its discretion.**

- 1.17.3.4 An Association which seriously and persistently fails to maintain the principles or to respect the Constitution and decisions of the ITTF may be censured, fined, suspended or expelled by a General Meeting **by a two thirds majority**; a suspension may be cancelled ~~only~~ by a General Meeting **by a two-thirds majority** ~~or, in emergency, by a 3/4 majority of the votes cast at a Board meeting.~~ **In a case of a suspension, the General Meeting may allow players from the suspended Association to compete in events under the jurisdiction and flag of the ITTF.**
- 1.17.3.5 **Before the General Meeting suspends an Association, the Association must have been sent notice in writing of the proposed suspension at least one month before the General Meeting at which the suspension is to be considered. The Association shall be afforded an opportunity to present its case at the General Meeting.**
- 1.17.3.6 **The Executive Committee may act to suspend an Association pending the General Meeting provided that:**
- 1.17.3.6.1 **clause 1.17.3.5 is applied;**
- 1.17.3.6.2 **the Executive Committee decides to suspend an Association by a unanimous vote;**
- 1.17.3.6.3 **the Executive Committee immediately informs all Associations of the suspension providing reasons.**
- 1.17.3.7 **The Association which has been suspended or expelled may appeal to the Court of Arbitration of Sport.**

### 3/4 majority required

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify 2.2.1, 2.2.4, 2.9.1.1 and 2.10.1.3:</i></p> <p>2.2.1 The net assembly shall consist of the net, its <b>cord suspension and the upright net posts, the horizontal part of the supporting posts and the possible clamps.</b></p> <p>2.2.4 The bottom of the net, along its whole length, shall be as close as possible to the playing surface and the ends of the net shall be as close as possible to the <b>upright</b> posts</p> <p>2.9.1.1 (The rally shall be a let) if in service the ball, in passing over or around the net assembly, touches <b>the net, its cord suspension or the upright net post</b>, provided the service is otherwise correct or the ball is obstructed by the receiver or his partner.</p> <p>2.10.1.3 (Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point) if, after he has made a service or a return, the ball touches anything other than the <b>net, its cord suspension or the upright net post</b> before being struck by an opponent.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEFEATED</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee and the Finnish TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To modify and unify 2.9.1:</i></p> <p>2.9.1 The rally shall be a let</p> <p>2.9.1.1 if in service the ball, in passing over or around the net assembly, touches it, provided <b>that</b></p> <p>2.9.1.1.1 the service is otherwise correct or</p> <p><b>2.9.1.1.2 the receiver or his partner obstructs the ball, touches the playing surface with a free hand or infringes Law 2.10.1.13 or</b></p> <p><b>2.9.1.1.3 the receiver or his partner, or anything they wear or carry, moves the playing surface or touches the net assembly.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEFEATED</b></p>

## Resolution to the AGM 2011

### Simple majority required

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the LAT TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To discuss the service rule in terms of Law 2.13.3:</i></p> <p>The change of the serving player or pair in accordance which player or pair has scored the previous point. The next server of the rally is the player or pair, who has lost the point in the previous rally (2.13.3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED</b></p>
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# Decisions on Propositions to the Board of Directors Meeting 2011

## Simple majority required

<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the PTT Division</b></p> <p>To amend the relevant clauses of chapter 3 and 4 to add “Paralympic” where “Olympic” appears.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</b></p> <p>To amend and restructure 3.2.4:</p> <p>3.2.4 Racket Control</p> <p>3.2.4.2.3 Rackets that do not pass the racket control test before the match cannot be used in the above listed competitions; in the case where rackets do not pass a random racket control test after the match, the offending player will be liable to penalties as implemented at the 2010 World Championships.</p> <p><b>3.2.4.3 Should a player be disqualified for the fourth time in a period of four years due to failing a racket control test, the player may complete the event, but subsequently the Executive Committee will suspend the offending player for 12 months.</b></p> <p><b>3.2.4.3.1 The ITTF shall inform the suspended player in writing of such suspension.</b></p> <p><b>3.2.4.3.2 The suspended player may appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 21 days of the receiving of the letter of suspension; should such an appeal be submitted, the player’s suspension would remain in force.</b></p> <p><b>3.2.4.4 The ITTF shall maintain a register of all racket control failures.</b></p> <p>3.2.4.5 A properly ventilated area shall be provided for the attachment of racket coverings to rackets, and liquid adhesives shall not be used anywhere else at the playing venue.</p> <p>“Playing venue” means the whole establishment in the playing building and the ground where the playing building stands, which contains the doorway, the parking lot and related facilities.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>

<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the JPN TT Association</b></p> <p>To amend 3.4.2.2:</p> <p>3.4.2.2 The racket covering shall be used as it has been authorised by the ITTF without any physical, chemical or other treatment, changing or modifying playing properties, friction, outlook, colour, structure, surface, etc.; <b>in particular no additives shall be used.</b></p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the JPN TT Association</b></p> <p>To amend 3.2.4.2:</p> <p>3.2.4.2 The racket control centre shall test rackets, according to the policy and procedure established by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Equipment committee, to ensure that rackets abide by all ITTF regulations including, but not limited to, racket covering thickness, flatness and presence of harmful volatile substances; <b>players shall not disturb the racket control function, they shall co-operate; for the testing of the racket covering thickness, players shall provide an open area of more than 1cm x 1cm which is left uncovered with any material or coating nearest the handle of the blade for the completion of the procedures provided by the ITTF.</b></p>	<p><b>DEFEATED</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p>To amend 3.2.5.7:</p> <p>3.2.5.7 There may be 1 temporary advertisement on each half of each side of the tabletop and 1 on each end, clearly separated from any permanent advertisements and each contained within a total length of 60cm; they shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers <b>and there shall be no advertisement or logo of the manufacturer or supplier of the table on the undercarriage.</b></p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the FIN TT Association</b></p> <p>To remove 3.3.3.5.1 and insert this paragraph as new 3.7.7.2 and to renumber following paragraphs:</p> <p><b>3.7.7.2</b> The name of the team captain, playing or non-playing, shall be designated beforehand to the umpire.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>

<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee and the Equipment Committee</b></p> <p>To insert a new paragraph 3.4.2.3 and to renumber following paragraphs:</p> <p>3.4.2.3 <b>A racket shall successfully pass all parameters of the racket control tests.</b></p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the PTT Division</b></p> <p>To add a new paragraph 3.7.6.2.3:</p> <p>3.7.6.2 Best of 5 matches (Corbillon Cup system, 4 singles and 1 doubles)</p> <p>3.7.6.2.1 A team shall consist of 2, 3 or 4 players.</p> <p>3.7.6.2.2 The order of play shall be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A v X</li> <li>2) B v Y</li> <li>3) doubles</li> <li>4) A v Y</li> <li>5) B v X</li> </ol> <p>3.7.6.2.3 In Para TT events, the order of play may be as in 3.7.6.2.2 except that the doubles match may be played last.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p>To rename 3.7.9 and to insert a new paragraph 3.7.9.3</p> <p><b>3.7.9 Television and Streaming</b></p> <p>3.7.9.1 An event other than World, Continental or Olympic title competitions may be broadcast by television only with the permission of the Association from whose territory the broadcast is made.</p> <p>3.7.9.2 Participation in an international event presumes the consent of the Association controlling the visiting players to the televising of that event; in World, Continental or Olympic title competitions such consent is presumed for the showing anywhere of live or recorded television during the period of the event and within 1 calendar month afterwards.</p> <p>3.7.9.3 All streaming of ITTF events (all categories) shall be subject to compliance with the ITTF streaming certification process and a Streaming Certification Fee (SCF) shall be charged to the rights holder of the event effective 1 June 2011.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the CHN TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To amend 3.8.6</i></p> <p>3.8.6 <del>An Association may nominate a player under its jurisdiction (1.21)</del> <b>Only the National Association can nominate a player with its nationality</b> to enter any individual events of Open International Championships; such nomination may be indicated in results lists and ITTF publications but does not affect the eligibility of this player according to 3.8.2.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEFEATED</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the USA TT Association</b></p> <p><i>To modify 4.1.3 and to modify 4.2.3, 4.3.6 and 4.4.6 correspondingly:</i></p> <p>4.1.3 Eligibility</p> <p>4.1.3.1 In addition to provisions of 3.8 players being eligible to represent an association other than the one they <del>(intend to represent)</del> <b>have been representing</b>, shall register with the ITTF, through this new association.</p> <p>4.4.6.2 <del>(Such player shall not represent the new association before)</del> <b>Such representation can only start:</b></p> <p>4.4.6.2.1 3 years <del>(after the date of registration),</del> <b>from the date of his legal residency in the new association</b>, if the player is under the age of 15.</p> <p>4.4.6.2.2 5 years <del>(after the date of registration),</del> <b>from the date of his legal residency in the new association</b>, if the player is under the age of 18.</p> <p>4.4.6.2.3 7 years <del>(after the date of registration),</del> <b>from the date of his legal residency in the new association</b>, if the player is under the age of 21.</p> <p>4.4.6.3 Players being 21 years of age or older will not be registered with the ITTF and will not be eligible to represent a new association at the World Team Cup.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEFEATED</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To amend 4.1.5.2 and 4.1.5.3</i></p> <p>4.1.5.2 <del>Entries</del> <b>Information</b> shall be submitted <del>on forms</del> distributed, together with the prospectus, by the Secretariat <b>Competition Department and entries shall be submitted as required.</b></p> <p>4.1.5.3 <del>One set of these entry forms shall be returned to the Secretariat; The closing date for the receipt of these forms</del> <b>final entries</b> shall be not later than 2 calendar months before the start of the Championships.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To amend 4.1.6.1 and 4.1.6.2</i></p> <p>4.1.6.1 Modified entries shall be accepted by the organisers, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association, at any time up to the day before the <b>first official</b> draw <b>at World Championships (for individual events)</b>.</p> <p>4.1.6.2 The nominating Association may Change <b>in</b> the composition of a team <b>may be accepted</b> by notifying the organisers <b>if notified by a representative of the nominating Association</b> up to the time of the Jury meeting preceding the <b>World Team</b> Championships, <del>but in no circumstances after the start of the event.</del> <b>No further changes will be accepted after this deadline.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To amend 4.1.8.1, 4.1.8.2, 4.1.8.3 and 4.1.8.6</i></p> <p>4.1.8.1 The Jury shall consist of the <b>Chair of the</b> Technical Committee, the Chair of the <del>Ranking and Rules</del> Committees, <del>a representative</del> <b>the Chair</b> of the Umpires and Referees Committee, <del>the Championships Director (or his equivalent),</del> <b>a representative of the Competition Department,</b> a representative of the organising committee and the referee; the referee shall have the right to speak but not to vote.</p> <p>4.1.8.2 If <del>either the</del> <b>any of the nominated</b> Chairs of the <del>Ranking Committee or the Chairman of the Rules Committee</del> is unable to attend a meeting of the Jury he may nominate to attend in his place another member of his Committee, who shall have the right to speak and to vote.</p> <p>4.1.8.3 The Chair of the Jury shall be appointed by the <del>Technical Committee</del> <b>members of the Jury.</b></p> <p>4.1.8.6 The Jury shall meet before the start of the Championships to be informed of all draw alterations requested up to that time and to decide any requests for changes in the composition of teams; any subsequent questions of draw alteration shall be decided by the <b>Chair of the</b> Technical Committee <b>in conjunction with a representative of the Competition Department</b> and the Jury shall meet again only when convened by that Committee to consider appeals against its administrative decisions or decisions of the referee.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED</b></p>



<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p>To amend 4.1.13.1</p> <p>4.1.13.1 The right to televise the Championships shall be vested in the ITTF, which shall receive a levy on any fees paid of US\$32,000 or 20% of the fees, whichever is the greater, unless otherwise agreed by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the PTT Division</b></p> <p>To incorporate the necessary provisions from the current regulations of PTT in relation to PTT competitions into chapter 4.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</b></p> <p>To modify Technical Leaflet T3, The Ball (B.3 Size conformity); only applying to balls not made of celluloid</p> <p>The minimum diameter of every ball must be at least <del>39.50mm</del> <b>40.00mm</b> and its maximum diameter must not exceed <del>40.50mm</del> <b>40.60mm</b>. The sample mean average diameter, i.e. the mean of the average of the maximum and minimum diameters for each ball, must be in the range <del>39.60-40.40mm</del> <b>40.00-40.50mm</b>. Values below <del>39.25mm</del> <b>39.70mm</b> or above 40.75mm are considered in our calculations as outliers.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the CHN TT Association</b></p> <p>To modify Technical Leaflet T9, Racket Control (9.1):</p> <p>9.1 Harmful volatile solvents measurement with MiniRAE-Lite®</p> <p>The ITTF has banned volatile solvents from use on the racket. The limit has been decided by the ITTF Executive Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• from September 2009 to August 2010: maximum reading of 4,0 (4,0 is accepted);</li> <li>• from September 2010 to August <del>2011</del> <u>2013</u>: maximum reading of 3,0 (3,0 is accepted);</li> <li>• from September 2011 <del>on</del> to August 2012: maximum reading of 2,0 <b>3,0</b> (2,0 <b>3,0</b> is accepted)</li> </ul>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the JPN TT Association</b></p> <p>To modify Technical Leaflet T9, Racket Control:</p> <p>9.2 The final result of thickness measurement shall be calculated by the average of these four measurements. An average of <del>4.04mm</del> <b>4.00mm</b> or below should be recorded. An average above <del>4.04mm</del> <b>4.00mm</b> should be recorded and must be referred to the referee.</p>	<p><b>DEFEATED</b></p>

# Resolutions to the Board of Directors Meeting 2011

## Simple majority required

<p><b>B1</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Junior Commission</i></b></p> <p>GLOBAL CADET CHALLENGE</p> <p>a) <u>Title name</u> The name of “World Cadet Challenge” shall be adopted again, whereby the event should remain a non-world title event and the change should not affect nor come into conflict with other rules regulating eligibility and other aspects distinctive for world title events.</p>	<p><b><i>PASSED</i></b></p>
<p><b>B2</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Junior Commission</i></b></p> <p>GLOBAL CADET CHALLENGE</p> <p>b) <u>Training Camp budget and Increased host contribution</u> The Junior Commission recommends adding the Training Camp hospitality to the Organizers obligations, which imposes also a new financial contribution to the Organizers of the Global Cadet Challenge from 2012 on, while balancing that with increased ITTF contribution and/or reduced requirements due to separating the Junior Circuit Finals.</p>	<p><b><i>to be decided by the Executive Committee</i></b></p>
<p><b>B3</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Junior Commission</i></b></p> <p>GLOBAL CADET CHALLENGE</p> <p>c) <u>Global Cadet Challenge future model</u> The date and the format of the Global Cadet Challenge should be kept, while the Global Junior Circuit Finals should be separated and can be held in January, at least two weeks away from the World Junior Championships. This separation should start in 2012 with the support of the competition Department.</p>	<p><b><i>to be decided by the Executive Committee</i></b></p>
<p><b>C</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Junior Commission</i></b></p> <p>YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES</p> <p><u>Age category</u> The Junior Commission recommends to the Olympic and Paralympic Commission to try to negotiate with the International Olympic Committee to extend the age category for the Youth Olympic Games to a four year age span (15-18 or 13-16).</p>	<p><b><i>PASSED</i></b></p>
<p><b>D</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Junior Commission</i></b></p> <p>WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>a) <u>Trophies for singles events</u> The Junior Commission recommends offering to all three sponsors of the World Junior Championships the same rights in terms of presentation of trophies during the Presentation Ceremony thus levelling also their marketing opportunities.</p>	<p><b><i>to be decided by the Executive Committee</i></b></p>

<p><b>E</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i></b></p> <p>The Equipment Committee, Competition Department and the Marketing Department shall strictly enforce the ITTF's advertising rule limiting the Manufacturer's logo on the sides of the table to a maximum of 6 logos according to the approved Technical Leaflet, and a fine of \$50,000 per additional logo shall be charged to offending Manufacturers.</p>	<p><b><i>PASSED</i></b></p>
<p><b>F</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i></b></p> <p>The ITTF Executive Committee and the Equipment Committee shall request from Ball Manufacturers to produce 40mm non-celluloid balls after the 2012 Olympic Games, in preparation for the total ban of celluloid production by national governments around the world, and the Equipment Committee shall adjust the Technical Leaflet in terms of description of the new material and tolerances.</p>	<p><b><i>PASSED</i></b></p>
<p><b>G</b></p>	<p><b><i>Proposed by the JPN TT and the Executive Committee</i></b></p> <p>To create a working group to investigate a new device/s to detect additives such as boosters, tuners etc.</p>	<p><b><i>PASSED</i></b></p>

# World Championships and World Junior Championships Playing Systems

## Simple majority required

<p><b>X<sub>1</sub></b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Technical Committee</b></p> <p><b>World Team Championships Playing System</b></p> <p><b>Allow a 5<sup>th</sup> Division if there are sufficient teams to justify an extra Division.</b></p> <p>The decision as to whether to have a 5<sup>th</sup> Division would be up to the Competition Department in conjunction with the Chair, Technical Committee.</p> <p><b>Implementation</b> To be introduced in 2012.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>X<sub>2</sub></b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Technical Committee</b></p> <p><b>World Team Championships Playing System</b></p> <p><b>For the top 2 Divisions separation in the knockout phase will be unchanged but for Divisions below the top 2 an extra level of separation will occur.</b></p> <p>There shall be a degree of randomness as is not advocated that 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from the group should be in opposite halves, rather than the 3 teams involved from the same group should be in separate quarters.</p> <p><b>Implementation</b> To be introduced in 2012.</p>	<p><b>PASSED</b></p>
<p><b>X<sub>3</sub></b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Technical Committee</b></p> <p><b>World Team Championships Playing System</b></p> <p><b>Reduce the number of teams guaranteed a position based on the previous WTC from 18 to 14.</b></p>	<p><b>DEFEATED</b></p>

**Proposed by the Junior Commission**

**World Junior Championships Playing System**

System of qualification is unchanged:

- Number of teams was increased to 20 since 2010 (compared to the previous 16)
- Total number of participants remained the same: 96 (80 for teams + 16 for individuals) for the boys' and girls' category
- Continental distribution of the team quotas: Europe 5, Asia 5, Africa 3, North America/Latin America 4, Oceania 2, Host 1 with a provision that any unused quota is given to the U-18 World Team Ranking.

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**Team events playing system:**

- a) Progressive K.O. system playing for all positions except bronze medal
- b) Teams seeded No.1-8 are drawn directly in the last 16
- c) Two rounds will be played before reaching the quarterfinals
- d) Losers of the first two rounds will play progressive K.O. system for positions 9-20
- e) Number of team matches will be 43 compared to 61 in 2010 in Bratislava

**Individual events playing system:**

- a) Top 16 players directly seeded to the main draw of 64
- b) Rest of the players are drawn in 16 groups of 3 and 8 groups of 4 in qualification to achieve having a full draw of 64 players in the first round.

**PASSED**

## World Team Championships Playing System

### Number of Teams per Division

There shall be 24 teams in the top 3 Divisions at the World Team Table Tennis Championships.

#### 1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1 "Division" System with 24 teams in each of the top 3 Divisions and the rest of the teams to form the 4<sup>th</sup> Division, unless there are sufficient teams to have 24 teams in a 4<sup>th</sup> Division and a viable 5<sup>th</sup> Division.
- 1.2 The 1<sup>st</sup> Division is also the Championship Division.
- 1.3 In each of the top 3 {or 4} Divisions there will be 4 Groups of 6 teams.
- 1.4 The 4<sup>th</sup> {or 5<sup>th</sup>} Division will be comprised of all the rest of the teams divided into groups after the final entry is known, to maximise the number of matches played by each team.

#### 2. PLAYING SYSTEM

- 2.1 The playing system for the top 2 Divisions will be identical.
- 2.2 Each group of 6 teams shall play a complete round robin competition (5 matches per team).
- 2.3 The order of play and the scheduling of the matches must be prepared in such a way as to avoid, whenever possible, the possibility of "pre-determining" results. All final round matches, as feasibly possible, must be significant for each competing team.
- 2.4 Following the complete round robin in each group, the winners of each group (4 teams) will move directly into the quarter finals round (they have a bye in the round of 16 - see diagram on page 4) and be seeded accordingly (winner of Group "A" seeded 1<sup>st</sup> (position (1)) winner of Group "B" seeded 2<sup>nd</sup> (position (2)) winners of Groups "C" and "D" drawn in positions (3).
- 2.5 The teams placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the groups will be **drawn randomly** in positions (5) into the Round of 16 first (see diagram on page 4).
- 2.6 The teams placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the groups will be **drawn randomly** in positions (9) into the Round of 16 next (see diagram on page 4), *with the exception that teams having played against each other in the group stage shall not meet again in the first round of the knock-out competition.*
- 2.7 The teams placing 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the groups (12 teams) will play-off for positions 13 to 24 (draw of 12 teams, using the same system as the top 12 teams - round of 16 with byes to each of the teams placing 4<sup>th</sup>).
- 2.8 The play-off rounds (final draws) will be played according to a progressive knock-out system to determine all the final positions in order from 1 to 12 and from 13 to 24. (2<sup>nd</sup> Division: 25-36 and 37-48), except that there shall be no match for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.9 The playing system for the other full Divisions will be identical *with the exception that teams having played against each other in the group stage shall not meet again in the first or second round of the knock-out competition.*
- 2.10 In the lowest Division, depending on the total number of entered teams, the teams shall be divided into groups (number of groups to be determined after the closing date for entries) in order to provide sufficient number of matches to each team. The teams will play first in groups and then a progressive knock-out system to determine all positions. Every effort will be made to provide as many matches as possible per team.
- 2.11 The World Champion team could play a maximum of 9 matches and a minimum of 8 matches.
- 2.12 In 1<sup>st</sup> Division all teams are guaranteed to play at least 7 matches, but most teams will play 8 or 9 matches. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Divisions most teams will play 9 matches, only teams with a bye in the round of 16 may have only 8 matches to play.

- 2.13 No. 1 overall (winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Division) shall be the World Champion.
- 2.14 In 1<sup>st</sup> Division the winning team shall receive gold medals, the runner-up silver medals and the 2 losing semi-finalists bronze medals.
- 2.15 In 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> {and 4<sup>th</sup>} Divisions winning teams (Division Champions No. 25 and 49 {and 73}) shall be given medals or awards.
- 2.16 A special award shall be given to the winning team of lowest Division.

### 3. SEEDING and RANKING

- 3.1 The top 14 Teams of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division in the previous World Team Championships shall be guaranteed a spot in 1<sup>st</sup> Division regardless of their position on the relevant ITTF Computer World Team Ranking (CWTR).
- 3.2 The teams having finished in the previous World Team Championships in one of the two top positions of each Division (25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>-50<sup>th</sup>, 73<sup>rd</sup>-74<sup>th</sup>, {97<sup>th</sup>-98<sup>th</sup>}) will be guaranteed a seeding of at least 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> {95<sup>th</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup>} respectively, unless the ranking of the team would seed them in a higher position.
- 3.3 The teams having finished amongst the next 12 positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> {and 4<sup>th</sup>} Division (27<sup>th</sup> to 38<sup>th</sup> inclusive and 51<sup>st</sup> to 62<sup>nd</sup> inclusive {and 75<sup>th</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> inclusive}) on the previous World Team Championships will be guaranteed a place in the same Division regardless of their position on the relevant CWTR, unless their position on this CWTR would place them in an even higher position.
- 3.4 All other teams shall be seeded according to the CWTR.
- 3.5 Seeding in the 4 groups in each of the top 3 {or 4} Divisions shall be done as follows:
  - 3.5.1 In 1<sup>st</sup> Division:
    - 3.5.1.1 Teams Ranked 1 to 4 shall be seeded as top of each group: 1<sup>st</sup> – A, 2<sup>nd</sup> – B, 3<sup>rd</sup> – C and 4<sup>th</sup> –D,
    - 3.5.1.2 Teams ranked 5 and 6 shall be drawn in Groups D and C,
    - 3.5.1.3 Teams ranked 7 and 8 shall be drawn in Groups B and A, etc, drawing teams two-by-two using the snake system until all groups are complete with 24 teams.
  - 3.5.2 The same system shall be used for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> {and 4<sup>th</sup>} Divisions.
  - 3.5.3 The system of seeding for the lowest Division will be determined after the closing of entries.
- 3.6 The CWTR which will be used for the composition of the Divisions and for the Draws shall be the last CWTR before the draw of the Championship Division.

### 4. DEFINITIONS

- Division: refers to a block of teams competing against each other. Divisions shall consist of 24 Teams (4<sup>th</sup> {or 5<sup>th</sup>} Division may consist of less or more teams). References to these blocks are: 1<sup>st</sup> Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division and 4<sup>th</sup> {and 5<sup>th</sup>} Division. The 1<sup>st</sup> Division is the Championship Division.
- Group: refers to teams drawn together within a Division. There will be 4 groups per Division and they are referred to in the alphabetical order. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Division: Groups A, B, C, and D, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division: groups E, F, G and H, and in 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, groups I, J, K and L. (4<sup>th</sup> {or 5<sup>th</sup>} Division may consist of less or more groups).
- Ranking: refers to the ITTF's Computer World Team Ranking (CWTR)
- Seeding: refers to the placement of a Team at the Championships based on its final position at the previous Team Championships or on its position in the current championships based on its ranking relative to all other entered teams.

**1st DIVISION - CHAMPIONSHIP**

**GROUPS**

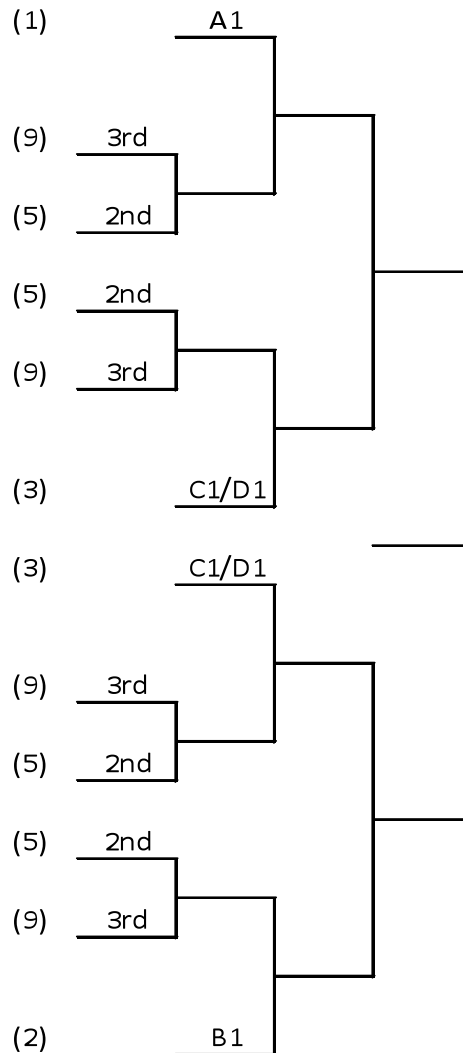
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	7/8
	9/10
	15/16
	17/18
	23/24

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	15/16
	17/18
	23/24

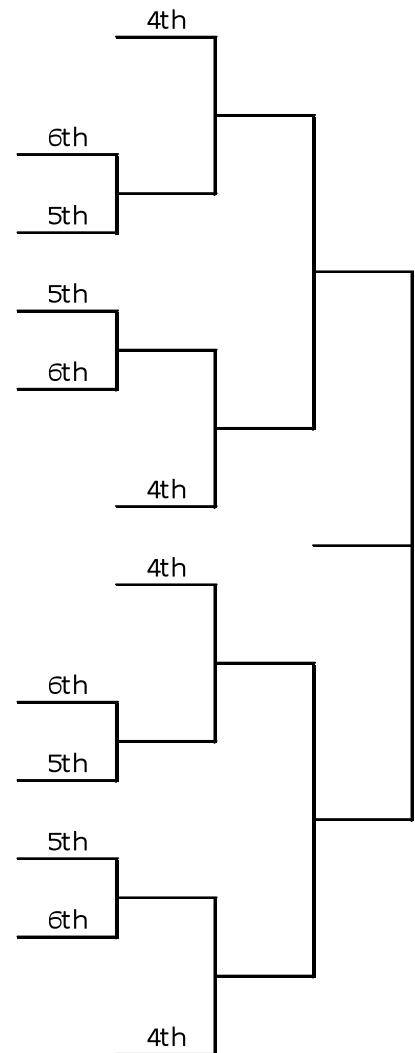
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	5/6
	11/12
	13/14
	19/20
	21/22

<b>D</b>	4
	5/6
	11/12
	13/14
	19/20
	21/22

**Positions 1 - 12**



**Positions 13 - 24**



**2nd DIVISION**

GROUPS E,F,G,H

Positions 25 - 36

Positions 37 - 48

**3rd DIVISION**

GROUPS I,J,K,L

Positions 49 - 60

Positions 61 - 72

**4th DIVISION**

GROUPS M,N, ...

Positions 73 +

{Positions 85 - 96}

**{5th DIVISION}**

{GROUPS Q,R,...}

{Positions 97 +}