



OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission held on Wednesday 28 March 2012 at 09h00 in the “Rom” Room, Renaissance Marriott Hotel, Dortmund, Germany

1. **President’s welcome and opening remarks**

The President welcomed all to the meeting and impressed on the attendees that this would be the last OPC meeting before the London Games.

2. **Roll call**

Adham Sharara	President
Neil Harwood	Deputy President and Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-President
Chérif Hajem	Executive Vice-President
Koji Kimura	Executive Vice-President
Melecio Rivera	Executive Vice-President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President
Thomas Weikert	Executive Vice-President
Tony Yue	Asian Table Tennis Union representative
Khaled El Salhy	African Table Tennis Federation
Stefano Bosi	European Table Tennis Union
Oswaldo Borges	Latin American Table Tennis Union
Mike Cavanaugh	North American Table Tennis Union
Patrick Gillmann	Oceania Table Tennis Federation
Nico Verspeelt	Para Table Tennis representative
Richard Scruton	LOCOG representative

By invitation

Graeme Ireland	Technical Delegate
Yao Zhenxu	Technical Delegate
Claude Bergeret	Special Advisor, Athletes’ Commission

In attendance

Judit Faragó	CEO and Executive Director (Competitions)
Glenn Tepper	Deputy CEO and Executive Director (Development)
Jordi Serra	Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games)
Mikael Andersson	Executive Director (Education and Training)
Alison Burchell	Deputy Executive Director (Operations)

3. **Approval of the agenda:** the agenda was approved as presented.

4. **Minutes**

- 4.1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 November 2011: the minutes were confirmed and signed subject to the correction of Petra Sörling being present.
- 4.2 Business arising from the minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda: the Commission noted that the President had followed up with the IOC on the status of Morocco which was not recognised by the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa and therefore was not able to participate in the All Africa Games, which was a continental

qualification event. In future, the All Africa Games would be under the jurisdiction of ANOCA which recognised Morocco.

5. Olympic Games 2012: the Commission noted that:

5.1 Racket testing: the system of “before match testing” was approved and tested in the Pro Tour Grand Finals where it worked well.

5.2 Update on qualification process:

- some Hong Kong players had not yet submitted their Hong Kong SAR passports but this would soon be resolved.
- Kuwait remained suspended by the IOC so the Kuwaiti player who had qualified would not be able to compete unless the IOC decided otherwise at its meeting to be held in May 2012, perhaps with the player participating under the IOC flag.
- the New Zealand NOC had not accepted the qualification of its men’s player and it would decide about the women’s player in April 2012.
- the men’s place would be allocated to Vanuatu, which would probably accept the allocation.

5.3 Presentation of the field of play:

- this had been a challenging process.
- the placement of the Omega screens currently inhibited the line of sight of several spectator areas.
- some discussions had been held about using LED screens within the surrounds.
- having Double Happiness as an equipment sponsor was very fortunate as they were extremely cooperative.
- there was a 2 week period within which to transition from the Olympic to the Paralympic Games.
- the floor colour would be significantly darker than at the Pro Tour Grand Finals.

5.4 Final World Qualification Tournament:

- the event had the full support of the Qatar Olympic Committee and the Government.
- the hall would be the same as the one used for the Qatar Open with 2,500 spectator seats.
- variations of 8 tables could be used for the event with a centre court.
- a visa deadline of 15 April 2012 had been set by when all associations should submit a long list of possible participants.
- meals would be served in the hotels (3 hotels had been proposed) and transport provided as appropriate.
- meeting space was available at the venue.
- medical support and anti-doping had been organised.
- the minimum number of places available for qualification for the Olympic Games was 2 men and 2 women although this may increase depending on the number of paces used for the team events.
- following the Olympic Games, a complete review would be done including an assessment of the qualification process.

6. Paralympic Games 2012: the Commission noted that:

6.1 Update:

- 8 courts would be used, 4 for wheelchair and 4 for standing play.
- all processes were on track.
- the tables were wheelchair compliant.
- the placement of the Omega screens would be addressed.
- broadcasting would focus on table 1 for wheelchairs.
- footage would be available for the jury.
- there would be greater television coverage for the table tennis competition than other sports in the ExCeL arena.
- wheelchair players watching the event would be able to do so from a platform on the field of play.

6.2 Update on qualification process:

- all selections had been completed with some alternate players in reserve should there be any withdrawals.
- all continental presidents should promote PTT within their continents.
- similarly, the competition format for the Paralympic Games and qualification criteria would be reviewed after the Games.

6.3 Classification Code: the edited version was presented for approval.

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The Commission resolved to approve the edited classification code.

Unanimously approved

7. Youth Olympic Games 2014: the Commission noted that:

7.1 Format of play:

- the same format of play as used in Singapore had been proposed but with one round robin stage leading to the knock-out stage.
- 6 days of competition at the beginning of the event had been agreed from 17 to 22 August 2014.
- 8 groups of 4 players would compete in mixed teams and singles events.

7.2 Qualification system:

- the IOC had requested the qualification system to be submitted but this was difficult to finalise without the final decision on the age groups.
- the IOC required continental distribution of places with some places reserved for universality and for the host.
- there would, therefore, be 32 places including 4 universality and 1 host country place each for men and for women.
- the period of qualification would be 1 April 2013 to 8 June 2014 including 1 world title event (world junior championships or the cadet challenge), as well as identified ranking events, Global Junior Circuit and continental qualification events (5 continental qualification events had been held in the lead up to 2010).

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The Commission resolved to approve the proposed format of play and, subject to the IOC finalising the age group, the qualification system.

Unanimously approved

8. Any other business: there was no other business.

9. Adjournment: there being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10h25.

Adham Sharara, President

Date