



OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission held at the Westin Hyderabad Mindspace, Hyderabad, India at 09h00 on **Friday 14 December 2012**.

1. President's welcome and opening remarks: the President welcomed all members to the meeting.

2. Roll call

Adham Sharara	President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-President
Chérif Hajem	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
Jean-François Kahn	European Table Tennis Union representative
Oswaldo Borges	Latin American Table Tennis Union
Mike Cavanaugh	North American Table Tennis Union
Patrick Gillman	Oceania Table Tennis Federation

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)

Apologies

Neil Harwood	Deputy President, Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Koji Kimura	Executive Vice-President
Vladimir Samsonov	Athletes' Commission
Nico Verspeelt	Para Table Tennis representative
Richard Scruton	LOCOG representative

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 28 March 2012 were confirmed and signed.
- 4.2 Business arising from the minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda: there was no business arising from the minutes, which was not otherwise covered by the agenda.

5. Olympic Games 2012: the Commission noted that:

5.1 Review and assessment:

- Previously, an analysis of the competition programme had been done and an application to have mixed doubles would be submitted as already decided.
 - The ITTF had previously opted for teams instead of doubles.
 - The request for mixed doubles for 2016 should be submitted to the IOC by February 2013 for decision by August or September 2013.
 - From London, more NOCs had won medals but adding mixed doubles may provide an additional medal to a strong NOC.
 - If mixed doubles were to be added, only 1 team per NOC should be entered, an extra day's play would be needed and each NOC should enter only 4 out of 5 events as recommended by the Chinese TTA to the ITTF president.
 - At the meeting in December 2013, the qualification system should be discussed when the events for 2016 had been confirmed.
 - The current quota of 172 players should be used because an increase was not possible.
 - 33 NOCs participated in 2012 with both men and women and this number would produce a reasonable competition in the mixed doubles, particularly if NOCs did not have teams at the Olympic Games.
 - Tennis had applied for 2 bronze medals to shorten the schedule and this may have a positive outcome for table tennis.
 - The singles playing system was well accepted.
 - 12 days of competition worked well.
 - The qualification system should be simplified.
 - Of 138,924 tickets available for sale, only 994 tickets were not sold.
 - Of the spectators, 71% were from the UK.
- 5.2 Report of the Table Tennis Manager, LOCOG:
- The use of the "P" accreditation for medical replacements or for strategic reasons as was done in other sports had to be considered.
 - As not all NOCs had athletes with a P accreditation, it may not be fair to allow it to be used for strategic reasons.
- 5.3 Report of the Technical Delegates:
- The unfortunate incident in the women's final should be analyzed by the URC.
 - The URC should review the conduct of umpires in the Olympic Games in order to facilitate better understanding of the spectators.

1-OPC-12-2012

The Commission asked the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to develop a questionnaire on the Olympic Games to be issued to associations with the summary to be presented at the next meeting.

2-OPC-12-2012

The Commission asked the ATTU representative, Mr. Tony Yue, to present proposals to the Executive Committee for how to manage better the complex situations that may arise during officiating at an Olympic Games.

6. Paralympic Games 2012:

6.1 Review and assessment:

- The full quota of players had been filled and 3 players had been replaced shortly before the event.
- For the first time, the ITOs were all BB umpires and the URC should follow up training for PTT specific events and national associations should be encouraged to nominate umpires for PTT events.

- The draws should be reviewed to reinforce a positive image of the sport to the media and public attending.
 - The days were very long and in the review being done by PTT, changes to the competition format were being considered and using the rest day was possible.
 - Scheduling of the medal presentations, linking them to the finals and considering the time of day should be addressed in future.
 - The presentation was good and the IPC President had attended and was excited by what he saw.
 - The performance of the home nation also had a positive impact on spectators and media interest.
 - The initiative of the day pass had ensured fairly full stands throughout the event.
 - The IPC had initiated "50 memorable moments of the Games" and a winning cross-court forehand by a British player had been proposed.
- 6.2 Report of the Table Tennis Manager, LOCOG: would be presented for the next meeting.
- 6.3 Report of the Technical Delegate: had been presented.

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

7.1 Format of play:

- There would be one round robin and direct elimination (final and consolation) would be used again.
- 6 days of competition were planned.
- Competition would start the day after the Opening Ceremony.
- A training camp before the Opening Ceremony would be proposed as had happened in 2010.

7.2 Qualification system:

- Each NOC had an allocation of slots across all sports and so NOCs should be involved in the qualification as soon as possible.
- The total number of players would be 32 men and 32 women.
- A world qualification final would be held with each NOC getting 1 player to qualify for 4 places.
- A number of Junior Circuit events had been identified for qualification per continent (Hungary, Korea, Canada New Caledonia, Brazil and Egypt).
- A player would be eligible for ranking selection if he or she played in at least 2 identified Junior Circuit events.
- The age group would span 4 years from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1999 so a player would be able to participate in the Games at least once in his or her career.
- The age group change had been approved by the IOC as half of the IFs on the programme had supported the proposal.
- From January to end May 2014, "the road to Nanjing series" would be held concurrently with the continental qualification process.
- The continental qualification slots would be Africa 2, Asia 2, Europe 4, Latin America 2, North America 1 and Oceania 1.
- Some universality places would be available for 4 men and 4 women.
- A qualification guide would be issued for the associations.

7.3 Education system:

- The proposal was for an online education process (anti-doping, playbook, betting and match fixing), YOG role models, elite coach development, "fill the stadium" project (10 000 seats in the stadium), athlete support (20 to 24 scholarships) and addressing universality.
- CTTA would be an important partner in the lead up to the Youth Olympic Games.

- The scholarships should focus on training opportunities but, in order to ensure fairness, the costs of participation in events should be sourced from other funds ensuring a shared commitment from national associations.

3-OPC-12-2012

The Commission approved the YOG format of play as presented, and ratified the qualification system as approved by the IOC Executive Board.

4-OPC-12-2012

The Commission asked the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to ascertain if players would have to stay for the full duration of the Youth Olympic Games.

8. Olympic and Paralympic Games 2016: the Commission noted that:

8.1 Appointment of officials for the Olympic Games:

- A referee had been added to the referee team as the racket testing function would move to the referee and umpires.
- The number of officials was less than for the 2008 Games but the same as the 2012 Games.
- Previously the Medical Officer was an ITO but this had been changed to an IF official and air travel and accommodation was now paid by the ITTF.

8.2 Appointment of officials for the Paralympic Games:

- The draft policy mirrored the Olympic Games policy.
- Provision had been made that if the host association could not provide the number of officials required, the quota would be transferred to the host continent.
- The URC and CBTM had been alerted to the insufficient number of IRs and BB umpires required for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

8.3 Equipment selected:

- The bid for equipment (tables and floor) had been issued and would be decided by March 2013.
- DHS would provide the balls.
- The IOC agreement indicated that the equipment was the property of the Organising Committee but the Organising Committee would be encouraged to allocate it to the national association.
- The colours of the equipment still had to be decided but it would be finalised by December 2013 or sooner.
- 6 national associations had purchased similar tables to the competition tables before the 2012 Olympic Games.

8.4 Appointment of a representative from Rio 2016: the Organising Committee had submitted a proposal internally and would inform the Commission in due course.

5-OPC-12-2012

The Commission approved the policy for the appointment of officials for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

9. Any other business: there was no other business to be considered.

10. Adjournment: there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11h22.

Adham Sharara
President

Date