



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Thursday, 29 March 2012, at 09h00 in the Westfalahallen Congress Centre, Dortmund, Germany.

1. **Welcome and opening address:** the President welcomed all members to the 2012 meeting of the Board. The President thanked the chairperson of the Athletes' Commission, Mr Samsonov, for attending even though he had a match later in the day.

The Board noted the presentation about the ITTF's Dream Building project in El Salvador and thanked Nittaku for its commitment to social responsibility and partnering the ITTF.

The Board noted the presentation on the ITTF, DTTB and Peace and Sport's Burundi and Congo Democratic Republic project supported by Butterfly, and thanked the respective national associations and DTTB.

2. **Roll call:** see attached.
3. **Confirmation of the minutes of the BoD:** the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2011 were confirmed and signed.
4. **Annual reports from commissions and working groups:** the Board approved the following reports:
 - 4.1 Athletes' Commission (document I1).
 - 4.2 Junior Commission (document I2).
 - 4.3 Veterans' Committee (document I3).
 - 4.4 Women's Working Group (document I4).
5. **Proposals and Resolutions (document J):** the Board considered the following propositions which required a simple majority:

18	Proposed by the Executive Committee	Passed
	To confirm that the start date for registering racket control failures is 1 September 2010.	
19	Proposed by the Executive Committee	Passed
	<p><i>To amend 3.2.4.2.1:</i></p> <p>3.2.4.2.1 The racket control centre shall test rackets, according to the policy and procedure established by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Equipment Committee and <u>Umpires and Referees Committee</u>, to ensure that rackets abide by all ITTF regulations including, but not limited to, racket covering thickness, flatness and presence of harmful volatile</p>	

	<p>substances. Effective date 1 April 2012</p>	
20	<p>Proposed by the Athletes' Commission</p> <p>To amend 3.2.4.2.2 and 3.2.4.2.3:</p> <p>3.2.4.2.2 The racket control tests should usually <u>shall</u> be carried out after the match at random <u>only where the player does not submit the racket for a before match test</u>, but from the quarter finals on, racket control tests should be carried out before all the matches of individual events and the selected individual matches in all team matches.</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 <u>but may be replaced by a second racket, which will be tested after the match</u>; in the case where rackets do not pass a random racket control test after the match, the offending player will be liable to penalties.</p> <p>Effective date 1 September 2012</p>	Passed
21	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.4.3 and thus to replace 3.5.2.11:</p> <p>3.2.4.3 <u>Following 4 accumulated failures on any aspect of racket testing</u> 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.</p> <p>3.5.2.11 Following 4 accumulated failures on any aspect of official racket testing over 48 months, a player shall be suspended for 12 months from participating in ITTF events.</p> <p>Effective date 1 April 2012</p>	Passed
22	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend the description of "playing venue":</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><i>"Playing venue" means <u>that part of the whole establishment in the playing building used for table tennis and its related activities and the ground where the playing building stands, which contains the doorway, the parking lot and related facilities and public area.</u></i></p> <p>Effective date 1 July 2012</p>	Passed
23	<p>Proposed by the Technical Committee and Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.5.4:</p> <p>3.2.5.4 Lettering or symbols on the inside of surrounds shall <u>be clearly different from the colour of the ball in use</u>, not include white or orange shall not more than two colours and shall be contained within a height of 40cm; it is recommended that they be in a slightly darker or slightly lighter shade of the background colour.</p> <p>3.2.5.5 Markings on flooring shall not include white or orange <u>be clearly different from the colour of the ball in use</u>; it is recommended that they be in slightly darker or slightly lighter shade of the background</p>	Passed

	colour. <i>Effective date 1 July 2012</i>	
24	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.5.7:</p> <p>3.2.5.7 There may be <u>1 permanent advertisement of the manufacturer's or supplier's name or logo and 1 temporary advertisement</u>, not of the table manufacturer, on each half of each side of the tabletop and 1 on each end, for a total of not more than 6 per table, and each contained within a total length of 60cm. <u>The temporary advertisements shall be clearly separated from any permanent advertisements; they shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers and there shall be no advertisement, logo, name of table or name of the manufacturer or supplier of the table on the undercarriage, except if the table manufacturer or supplier is the title sponsor of the tournament.</u></p> <p><i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i></p>	Passed
25	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.5.2.15:</p> <p>3.5.2.12 If a player is disqualified from a match, <u>an event or competition</u> for any reason, he or she shall automatically forfeit any associated title, medal, prize money or ranking points.</p> <p><i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i> Note: a qualification and main related event are separate events such that a player may be disqualified from a group match but still compete in the main event.</p>	Passed
26	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.5.3.1:</p> <p>3.5.3.1 Players, coaches and officials shall uphold the object of good presentation of the sport <u>and safeguard its integrity by refraining from any attempt to influence the elements of a competition in a manner contrary to sporting ethics.</u></p> <p>3.5.3.1.1 Players have to do their utmost to win a match and shall not withdraw except for reasons of illness or injury.</p> <p>3.5.3.1.2 <u>Players, coaches and officials shall not participate in any form of or support for betting or gambling related to their own matches and competitions.</u></p> <p><i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i></p>	Passed
27	<p>Proposed by the Technical Committee and Executive Committee</p> <p>To delete 3.7.5.5:</p> <p>3.7.5.5 In the qualifying stages of World, Olympic and Open International Championships competitions referred to in 3.1.2.3 players shall be drawn into groups and assigned group positions in descending order of their current world ranking, taking account as far as possible of separation by Association.</p> <p><i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i></p>	Passed
28	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.8.2:</p>	

	<p>3.8.2 A player shall be regarded as representing an Association if he or she accepted to be nominated by this Association and subsequently participates in a competition listed in 3.1.2.3 <u>or in regional championships</u> other than individual events at Open International Championships.</p> <p><i>Effective date 1 July 2012</i></p>	Passed
29a	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 4.1.2.2.4:</p> <p>4.1.2.2.4 up to 4 members of the Doping Control Panel appointed by the Sports Science <u>and Medical</u> Committee;</p>	Deferred to 2013
29b	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 4.1.2.2.4:</p> <p>4.1.2.2.8 up to 3 <u>6</u> members of the ITTF staff.</p> <p><i>Effective date 1 July 2012</i></p>	Passed
30	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 4.1.9.3:</p> <p>4.1.9.3 The system of play in team and individual events and its implementation date shall be decided by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Technical <u>Committee Commissioner and the Competition Department.</u></p> <p><i>Effective date 1 July 2013</i></p>	Passed
31	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To expand 4.1.13 (World Championships), 4.2.13 (World Junior Championships) and 4.7.12 (PTT World Championships) Commercial rights; to add a new clause 4.3.8 (World Cup) and 4.4.8 (World Team Cup) Commercial rights:</p> <p><u>4.1.13.1 The ITTF exclusively owns and controls all commercial rights in and to the Championships. Such Commercial Rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:</u></p> <p><u>4.1.13.1.1 audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these regulations);</u></p> <p><u>4.1.13.1.2 sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;</u></p> <p><u>4.1.13.1.3 ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and</u></p> <p><u>4.1.13.1.4 other rights to commercialise the Championships (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorise the taking of bets on the Championships.</u></p> <p><u>4.1.13.2 The ITTF shall be entitled to exploit the Commercial Rights in such manner as it considers appropriate, including granting licences in respect of the same (or part thereof) to the relevant Association or to other third party(ies) from time to time.</u></p> <p><u>4.1.13.3 Each Association shall ensure that their members (officials, players, delegates and other affiliates) shall:</u></p> <p><u>4.1.13.3.1 comply with any and all rules, regulations and/or guidelines in relation to the exploitation of the Commercial Rights which may be issued from time to time by or on behalf of the ITTF; and</u></p> <p><u>4.1.13.3.2 provide such rights, facilities and services as are required to</u></p>	Passed

	<p><u>enable the ITTF and/or the relevant third party to fulfil their obligations under any arrangements for the exploitation of any of the Commercial Rights and shall not by any act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted there under or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur. For the avoidance of doubt only the ITTF may enforce this rule against an Association and no third party shall be entitled to do so.</u></p> <p><i>Effective date 1 July 2012</i></p>	
32	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 4.3.1.1, 4.3.1.2 and 4.3.1.3:</i></p> <p>4.3.1.1 Separate World Cup Tournaments for men and women will be held annually and each will be a singles competition.</p> <p>4.3.1.2 The participants will consist of the current holder of the World Cup, the World Champion, the champion player or the strongest current player from each of the 6 continents, 1 player from the host Association, the top 8 players from the World Ranking List and 2 "wild card" selections. The number of players may be modified by the Executive Committee from time to time.</p> <p>4.3.1.3 There shall not be more than 2 players from an Association unless a third is invited as a "wild card" selection. If the World Champion and the World Cup title holder is the same player, or the host Association has a player qualified as title holder or from the World Ranking, the available invitation place goes to the next highest eligible player on the World Ranking List.</p> <p><u>4.3.1.1 A World Cup for Men and a World Cup for Women shall be held on a yearly basis or every two years in even-numbered years, and that Continental Cups or equivalent be established and serve as the qualification for the World Cup. The qualification system and playing system will be an integral part of the ITTF's Competition Program.</u></p> <p><i>Effective date 1 January 2013</i></p>	Passed
33	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 4.4.1.1 and 4.4.1.2:</i></p> <p>4.4.1.1 The World Team Cup Tournament consisting of a men's and a women's team event will be held each odd-numbered year.</p> <p>4.4.1.2 In each event the 12 participating teams representing national associations will consist of the teams placing 1 to 7 at the preceding World Team Championships, a team of the host Association and 4 teams from Continental Federations not otherwise represented at the event.</p> <p><u>4.4.1.1 A World Team Cup shall be staged every two years in odd-numbered years and the Continental Team Champions shall be invited to take part. The qualification and playing systems will be an integral part of the ITTF's Competition Program.</u></p> <p><u>4.4.5 The playing system shall be determined by the Executive Committee on recommendation by the Competition Program. The selected teams and their associations shall be informed of the playing system to be used in the prospectus at the same time as the issuance of the invitation to the participants.</u></p> <p>4.4.5 Playing System</p> <p>4.4.5.1 The 4 teams from Continental Federations not qualified by their ranking</p>	Passed

	<p>at the preceding World Team Championships shall compete in an "Intercontinental Cup" played on round-robin.</p> <p>4.4.5.2 The winner of the "Intercontinental Cup" shall play a play-off match against the lowest seeded of the other 8 teams, other than the host Association's team. The winner of this play-off match shall promote to the event proper which shall be played on straight knock-out.</p> <p>4.4.5.3 Seeding shall be done according to the last available Team World Ranking.</p> <p>4.4.5.4 All team matches shall be played on the Olympic System with a maximum of 4 singles and 1 doubles according to 3.7.6.3.</p> <p>4.4.5.5 All individual matches of a team match shall be the best of 5 games.</p> <p>4.4.5.6 The playing system may be modified by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Competition Department. Any changes to the playing system will be informed to the participating associations in the prospectus at the time of issuance of the invitation to participate.</p> <p><i>Effective date 1 January 2013</i></p>	
34	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 5.4.2.1:</i></p> <p>5.4.2.1 <i>Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods</i> Unless provided otherwise in the <i>Prohibited List</i> and/or a revision, the <i>Prohibited List</i> and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti-Doping Rules three months after <u>approval by the Executive Committee</u> publication of the <i>Prohibited List</i> <u>published</u> by WADA without requiring any further action by the ITTF.</p> <p><i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i></p>	Passed
35	<p>Proposed by the Sports Science Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 5.10.3.3:</i></p> <p>5.10.3.3 For violations of Article 5.2.4 (Filing Failures and/or Missed Tests), the period of <i>Ineligibility</i> shall be at a minimum one (1) year and at a maximum two (2) years based on the <i>Athlete's</i> degree of fault. <u>Missed Tests or Filing Failures (Article 5.2.4) may lead to a fine of the equivalent of the ITTF's costs for that Missed Test or Filing Failure.</u></p> <p><i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i></p>	Passed
36	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p><i>To amend 5.18.1:</i></p> <p>5.18.1 These Anti-Doping Rules may be amended from time to time by the ITTF Board of Directors <u>but upon publication of any changes to the WADA Code, the Executive Committee shall amend these Rules and report such amendments to the Board of Directors for ratification.</u></p> <p><i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i></p>	Passed
37	<p>Proposed by the Athletes' Commission</p> <p><i>To modify Technical Leaflet T9, Racket Control:</i> <i>To add to section 9.6 gloss measurement:</i></p> <p>Testing for excess levels of rubber gloss no longer forms part of standard racket testing procedures. However, a player may ask the umpire to examine the opponent's racket for high levels of gloss before the start of a match. The umpire may, if he or she sees fit, ask for the racket to be inspected for high</p>	Passed

levels of gloss. <i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i>	
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The Board noted that a racket may be referred to the referee to decide the level of gloss.

The Board considered the following resolutions, which required a simple majority:

B	<i>Proposed by the Athletes' Commission</i> That the Equipment Committee and URC develop a mission statement for racket testing which defines the purpose of setting thresholds for VOC particularly at low levels as well as limiting rubber thickness to 4mm.	Passed
C	<i>Proposed by the Executive Committee and Athletes' Commission</i> That the new Poly balls (non-celluloid material) be used at ITTF events as of 1 July 2014 . The Executive Committee may allow the use of the Poly balls, in exceptional cases, in the period between the 2014 World Championships and 1 July 2014 .	Passed
D	<i>Proposed by the Executive Committee, Athletes' Commission and Umpires' and Referees' Committee</i> To adopt the proposed code of conduct on sports betting for athletes and officials. <i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i>	Passed
E	<i>Proposed by the Junior Commission</i> <i>Effective date 1 April 2012</i> Change of the Playing System for Team Events 1. The system be composed of three stages: first qualification stage played in groups (played by teams seeded 9-20), second stage played in groups (8 top seeded teams and winners of first stage qualifications) and the third stage, i.e. the KO stage, which would be played on progressive knock-out basis. 2. The twelve teams seeded on positions 9-20 start playing in four groups of three teams. Winners of these qualification groups would advance to play for positions 1-12. 3. Runners-up and teams finishing on third places in first stage qualification groups would advance to play for positions 13-20. 4. In the second stage the top 8 seeded teams and the 4 winners of the qualification groups would continue playing in four groups of three teams. 5. Winners and runners-up of the second stage would advance to the quarterfinals of the main draw, which would be played on progressive knockout basis. 6. Teams finishing in positions number three in the second stage groups would play for positions 9-12. The Playing System for individual events, singles, doubles and mixed doubles would remain unchanged – 16 top seeded players would be positioned directly in the main draw. Groups in singles would be played best of seven games.	Passed

6. **Committee structure (document K):** the Board noted that the terms of reference had been reviewed by each committee chairperson to define better the role of each committee. The Board approved all the terms of reference except for the Veterans' Committee to allow the

Committee and the Swaythling Club International to consult further and noting that consequential changes from the AGM would be implemented.

7. World Junior Championships: the Board noted that bids for World Junior Championships were now being allocated 3 years before the event as was the case with the World Championships. The Board noted further that:

7.1 World Junior Championships 2012:

- South Africa had withdrawn from organising the event due to a delay in the confirmation of funding from Government.
- The African Table Tennis Federation would like to keep the event in Africa for 2012 or 2013.
- There were several other organisers prepared to step in at short notice, including India who had been allocated the event in 2013.

7.2 World Junior Championships 2013:

- Were currently scheduled in India but if moved to 2012, a new bid would be opened for 2013.

7.3 World Junior Championships 2014:

- The City of Shanghai and Minhang District, through the Chinese Table Tennis Association, had submitted a bid to host the 2014 World Junior Championships.

7.4 World Junior Championships 2015:

- The City of Vendé, through the French Table Tennis Federation, had submitted a bid to host the 2015 World Junior Championships.

1-BOD-03-2012

The Board resolved to request the Executive Committee to act on its behalf in re-allocating the 2012 World Junior Championships and, should India take up the event in 2012, to re-allocate the 2013 World Junior Championships.

Agreed unanimously

2-BOD-03-2012

The Board resolved to allocate the 2014 World Junior Championships to the Chinese Table Tennis Association in Shanghai, China.

Agreed unanimously

3-BOD-03-2012

The Board resolved to allocate the 2015 World Junior Championships to the French Table Tennis Federation in Vendé, France.

Agreed unanimously

8. Global Junior Programme: the Board noted that:

- Guam had submitted a bid to host the World Cadet Challenge in October 2012.
- There had been 2 “best yet” events held in the 2011 World Junior Championships in Bahrain and the 2011 World Cadet Challenge and Junior Circuit Finals in Puerto Rico.
- The Junior Commission was addressing ways to bridge the gap between the junior and senior players.
- There were 34 events on the calendar for 2012.

4-BOD-03-2012

The Board approved the allocation of the World Cadet Challenge to Guam and witnessed the signature of the contract for the event.

Agreed unanimously

9. **World Title events, new World Tour and Euro-Africa Circuit:** the Board noted that:
- At the request of the sponsor, the circuit had been re-named the “World Tour”.
 - For the first time, there would be prize money in the Finals of US\$1 million.
 - Within the Euro-Africa Circuit, the top 4 men and women would qualify for the World Tour Finals.
10. **Updates of technical leaflets:** the Board noted that the T6 for flooring was a new technical leaflet and that, while the Board was responsible for approving all technical leaflets, the Executive Committee may approve a technical leaflet between Board meetings provided it was finally approved by the Board.

5-BOD-03-2012

The Board approved the technical leaflet T6 for flooring.

Agreed unanimously

11. **Personal Honorary Membership:** the Board ratified the award of Personal Honorary Membership to Mrs Jane Pinto.
12. **Vacancies on the Board of Directors:**

6-BOD-03-2012

The Board resolved to accept the resignations of the Board members from Latin America: Jairo Orlando Paez, Aubrey Edwards and Carlos Marín; and to appoint the new Board members: Juan Villa, Antonio Gomez and Leonel Aguilar.

Agreed unanimously

13. **Ratification of the work done by the committees, commissions and working groups:**

7-BOD-03-2012

The Board resolved to ratify the work done by the committees, commissions, working groups and panels since the last Board meeting.

Agreed unanimously

14. **Next meeting:** the Board noted that its next meeting would be held on 17 May 2013 in Paris, France.

15. Any other business:

15.1 ATTF appreciation to the DTTB: the Board noted the unanimous congratulations from the African Table Tennis Federation to the German Table Tennis Association for succeeding in ensuring all visas were issued to participants at no charge to the participants.

16. Adjournment: there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 13h07.

Adham Sharara
President

Date

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Executive Committee	Adham Sharara	
	Khalil Al Mohannadi	
	Chérif Hajem	
	Neil Harwood	
	Koji Kimura	
	Melecio Rivera	
	Petra Sörling	
	Thomas Weikert	

Continental presidents	Board of Directors	
Africa	Khaled El-Salhy	
Asia	Cai Zhenhua	
Europe	Stefano Bosi	
Latin America	Oswaldo Borges	
North America	Michael Cavanaugh	
Oceania	Patrick Gillmann	

Continental representatives	Board of Directors	
Africa	Berthe Bakhary	
	Ebo Bartels	Apology
	Henri Djombo	Apology
	Ganief Fataar	Apology
	Thomas Kiggundu	
	Olabanji Oladapo	
	Phillipe Hao Thyn Voon	

Asia	Khalid Al Mawlawi	
	Thana Chaiprasit	
	Michel de Chadarevian	
	Park Do Cheon	
	Shahrokh Shahnazi	Apology
	Mohammad Sibtain	
	Tony Yue	

Europe	Oktay Cimen	
	Radivoj Hudetz	
	Zdenko Kriz	
	Dorte Kronsell	
	Alexander Murdoch	
	Cristinel Romanescu	
	Walter Rönmark	
	Eberhard Schöler	
	Gérard Velten	

Latin America	Alaor Azevedo	
	Sergio Blanco	
	Leonel Aguilar	
	Antonio Gomez	
	Juan Vila	

North America	Bruce Burton	
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Oceania	Anthony Ho	Apology
	Graeme Ireland	
	James Morris	

Commission chairperson	With a vote	
Athletes' Commission	Vladimir Samsonov	

Committee chairpersons	No vote	
Equipment	Odd Gustavsen	
Junior	Tony Yue	
Media	Arne Madsen	
Nominations	Chan Foong Keong	
Para TT	Øivind Eriksen	
Rules	Rudi Sporrer	
Sports science	Jean-François Kahn	
Technical	Graeme Ireland	
URC	Albert Rooijmans	
Veterans	Jens-Erik Linde	Apology
Women's	Hajera Kajee	

PAC	No vote	
	Nils Bergstrom	
	Colin Clemett	
	André Damman	Apology
	Hans Giesecke	
	Han Sang Kook	
	J Rufford Harrison	Apology
	Jane Pinto	
	TD Ranga Ramanujan	Apology
	George Segun	
	Xu Yinsheng	Apology
	Henry Yue	Apology

In attendance	Mikael Andersson	
	Judit Faragó	
	Jordi Serra	
	Glenn Tepper	
	Alison Burchell	
	Raúl Calín	
Observers	Claude Bergeret	
	Liu Yi	