



OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION

Minutes of a meeting of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission held in the St Michel Room, Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel, Paris, France at 09h05 on Thursday **16 May 2013**.

1. President's welcome and opening remarks: the President welcomed all members, particularly the new members of the Executive Committee,

2. Roll call:

Adham Sharara	President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-President
Patrick Gillmann	Executive Vice-President
Chérif Hajem	Executive Vice-President
Masahiro Maehara	Executive Vice-President
Melecio Rivera	Executive Vice-President
Shi Zhihao	Executive Vice-President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President
Thomas Weikert	Executive Vice-President
Tony Yue	Asian Table Tennis Union representative
Khaled El Salhy	President: African Table Tennis Federation
Lilamani de Soysa	European Table Tennis Union representative
Oswaldo Borges	President: Latin American Table Tennis Union
Bruce Burton	President: North American Table Tennis Union
James Morris	Oceania Table Tennis Federation representative
Nico Verspeelt	Para Table Tennis representative
Edimilson Pinheiro	Rio 2016 Organising Committee

In attendance

Judit Faragó	CEO
Glenn Tepper	Deputy CEO
Alison Burchell	Director (Operations and Para TT)
Raúl Calín	Events and Olympic Games Expert
Polona Cehovin Susin	Director (Education and Training)
Graeme Ireland	Technical Delegate
Richard Scruton	Technical Delegate

By invitation

Rodrigo Garcia	Rio 2016
Neil Harwood	Guest
Shahrokh Shahnazi	Special Advisor (Olympic Academies)

Apologies

Vladimir Samsonov	Athletes' Commission
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3. Approval of the agenda: the Commission approved the agenda as presented.

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 December 2012: the minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed with the correction on page 3, item 7.2 "4 to reflect 4 slots for Asia".
- 4.2 Business arising from the minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda: the Commission noted that Mr Yue had addressed the issue of hand signals, as requested at the last meeting, by submitting a proposal jointly with the Athletes' Commission for the Board of Directors to consider.
- 4.3 Appointment of Edimilson Pinheiro as Rio 2016 representative: this was a recommendation from the Rio 2016 Organising Committee.

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The Commission resolved to appoint Edimilson Pinheiro as the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games representative.

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

5.1 Qualification process and events:

- One event per continent, regular events on the 2013 Junior Circuit had been selected called the "Road to Nanjing 2013" (Egypt, Korea, New Caledonia, Canada, Brazil and Hungary), at which players would accumulate points such that the top 16 boys and girls would qualify for the World Qualification event.
- From the world qualification event in January 2014, 4 boys and 4 girls would qualify.
- 3 boys and 3 girls would qualify from the World Ranking in February 2014.
- From February to May 2014, 14 girls and 14 boys would qualify from the continental qualification events.
- Thereafter 6 qualification events would be identified from January to May (one per continent) from which the winners would qualify via the series called "Road to Nanjing 2014".
- There would be 1 boy and 1 girl qualifying from the host country if otherwise not qualified.
- Furthermore there would be universality places reserved for 4 boys and 4 girls.
- A request would be sent to the continents to submit proposals to host the continental qualification events.

5.2 Venue:

- The organising committee had proposed, due to space restrictions, to use 7 tables instead of the planned 8.
- The IOC had approved a new proposal from ITTF to have one more competition day so that 4 tables would be used for better sport presentation.
- The Asian Youth Games in August 2013 would serve as test event for the YOG.

5.3 Schedule:

- The second draft of the schedule was currently under discussion with 7 competition days.

5.4 Equipment:

- Double Happiness would provide tables and balls with Tinsue providing the floor.
- The colour of the floor had to be finalised once the look of the Games had been incorporated.

5.5 Young Umpires' Project (YUP):

- Following the model used in 2010, national umpires would be able to register online to be part of the YUP.
 - Thereafter, associations would be asked to endorse the candidates selected and undertake to support the candidates to continue their education and achieve the next levels of qualification as umpires.
 - Between 30 and 40 young umpires under the age of 25 would be selected to do a 1 month online course which would be at the level of the international umpire course.
 - This would involve an hour's exam done online at the end of the course.
 - The candidates who passed would be selected ensuring geographical and gender representation.
 - The association should nominate the umpires instead of an open nomination process proposed.
 - Nominations would be accepted from associations which had an active NOC.
- 5.6 Appointment of Raúl Calín as Event Delegate: at this event, there was no tradition of appointment but there was an event delegate as an IF representative.

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The Commission resolved to appoint Raúl Calín as the Event Delegate for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

6. Olympic Games 2016: the Commission noted that:

6.1 Request for inclusion of mixed doubles:

- Had been submitted to the IOC.
- The proposal sought to limit the NOC entries to one pair per NOC in mixed doubles, and limiting the NOC's overall entry to 4 out of 5 events.
- This would increase the number of medal events but not the number of players.
- The IOC Executive Board would decide in August 2013 from a large number of applications received from other IFs.

6.2 Visit:

- The details on the venue, hotel accommodation and technical officials still had to be resolved.
- As it was the first visit, all sport related departments met the ITTF representatives.
- The venue design was for 1 competition hall as OBS had not planned to duplicate costs with 2 halls, the lack of space, increased numbers of technical officials and a possible loss of revenue.
- The Competition Manager's training programme was underway.
- The roles of Rio 2016, the CBTM and ITTF were discussed and agreed particularly in relation to training of officials and other matters.
- The competition schedule was discussed keeping to 2 or 3 sessions per day as the IOC would require this information soon.
- The training of ITOs and NTOs was discussed as a main issue.
- The test event for the Olympic Games was agreed in principle.
- The accommodation strategy was set out including the use of cruise liners.
- The Barra Zone was the venue at the heart of the Games which was where table tennis would take place.
- The table tennis competition venue was 2kms from the Village.
- The Village was to be built in a public-private partnership.
- The seats would be restricted to 6 000 seats due to the ceiling height of about 10m.

- A common domain was planned for RioCentro, venue for several sports including table tennis.
- The layout for the competition hall was U-shaped as in London.
- A proposal to have finals in the morning was being considered to accommodate the television audience in Asia while the number of spectators would be a concern to ensure a full venue at that time of day.
- 57 state umpires, 17 national referees, 6 White Badge umpires and 1 Blue Badge umpire currently existed but this would not be sufficient to cover the needs identified and accelerated development was being discussed using the online education system with translation into Portuguese.
- The test event for the Olympic Games would be in January 2016 with the format for the test event for the Paralympic Games to be discussed further culminating in a calendar of all test events being available in draft in June 2013.
- Pictograms were under discussion for Olympic and Paralympic table tennis but were kept confidential due to trademark issues.
- A large video-board was being discussed linked to IOC sponsorship.

6.3 Equipment:

- The equipment list had been received from London and reviewed.
- The procurement process would begin in July 2013 with suppliers being identified.
- The table (San-Ei) and balls (DHS) had already been appointed by the ITTF and the floor bid was in process.
- Rio 2016 should provide as soon as possible the look of the Games to allow the equipment manufacturers to incorporate this into the manufacture process.
- After the Games, the equipment would be used for the multi-sport training centre, which would include table tennis, as part of the legacy of the Games.
- Wheelchair accessible tables would need to be included in the equipment order.

6.4 Appointment of TDs: 2 technical delegates should be appointed in terms of the policy approved at the last meeting.

6.5 Appointment of Raúl Calín as Technical Operations Manager: similarly, this Games-time role would need to be appointed.

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The Commission resolved to appoint for Rio-2016:

- Graeme Ireland and Richard Scruton as Technical Delegates.
- Raúl Calín as the Technical Operations Manager.

7. Paralympic Games 2016: the Commission noted that:

7.1 Qualification system:

- Would likely be the same system as for the 2012 Paralympic Games.
- Gold medal winners in the 2015 continental championships would be selected automatically together with players ranked top of the rating lists and some provision would be made for selections based on special circumstances.
- The letter from the Polish association relating to Natalia Partyka was being considered by the PTT Division as it related to the PTT world championships.

7.2 Format of play:

- In the team event, the proposal was to have 2 singles followed by the doubles match, which would reduce the time compared to a maximum of 5 matches.

- There would be groups of 3 with 2 players going to the knock out rounds in the singles event.
- 7.3 Competition schedule: the possibility of using the rest day and playing on the day of the Closing Ceremony would be investigated to reduce the length of sessions and add some excitement in the lead up to the Closing Ceremony.
- 7.4 Appointment of TD: the recommendation would be submitted after the PTT Division meeting in September 2013.
- 7.5 Appointment of Technical Operations Manager: the recommendation would be submitted after the PTT Division meeting in September 2013.

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The Commission requested the Executive Committee to approve the qualification guide, appointment of a TD and technical operations manager on its behalf prior to its next meeting.

8. **Adjournment:** there being no further business, the meeting ended at 10h47.

Adham Sharara
President

Date