



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Friday **17 May 2013** at 09h15 in the Miles Davis Room, Marriott Hotel, Paris, France.

1. Welcome and opening address: the President welcomed all members of the Board. The President also presented awards to:

- China Unicom for Major sponsorship support
- LIEBHERR for Title sponsorship support
- Mr Eberhard Schöler, new PAC member

The Board also noted that with effect from the 2014 AGM, Messrs Neil Harwood and Koji Kimura would take up positions as PAC members.

2. Roll call and welcome of new members: there were 45 voting members of the Board present (see attached list).

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the BoD held on 29 March 2012 in Dortmund, Germany: the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2012 were confirmed and signed.

4. Annual reports from commissions and working groups: the Board received 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)

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The Board unanimously approved the reports of the Committees, Commissions and working groups as submitted.

5. Appointment of members of commissions: the Board considered the composition for the members of the Junior Commission:

Lincon YASUDA	M	Brazil	L. America	Full
Tony YUE Kwok Leung	M	Hong Kong	Asia	Full
Sh. Rajeev P. BODAS	M	India	Asia	Full
James MORRIS	M	New Zealand	Oceania	Full
Oluranti LAJIDE	M	Nigeria	Africa	Full
Lilamani DE SOYSA	F	Switzerland	Europe	Full
Dennis DAVIS	M	USA	N. America	Full
Michel GADAL	M	France	Europe	Special Advisor

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The Board unanimously approved the appointments of the Junior Commission members as proposed.

6. Appointment of committee chairs: the Board considered the recommendations of the Executive Committee:

Equipment	Chair Deputy Chair	Federico Lineros Paul Schiltz
Media	Chair Deputy Chair Special Advisor Special Advisor	Arne Madsen TBA Sheri Cioroslan Chandra Madhosingh
Rules	Chair Deputy Chair Special Advisor Special Advisor	Rudolf Sporrer TBA Azmy Ibrahim Nabil Almamoon
Sports Science & Medical	Chair Deputy (Sports Science) Deputy (Medical) Chief Anti-Doping	Miran Kondric Katzuto Yoshida Jean-Francois Kahn Shiro Matsuo
Umpires & Referees	Chair Deputy (Umpires) Deputy (Referees) Special Advisor Special Advisor Special Advisor	Ronald Wee Tui Yong Norman Tang Werner Thury Mike Skinner Michael Zwipp Patrick Ringel
Veterans	Chair Deputy Special Advisor Special Advisor	Reto Bazzi Galal Ezz Alaor G.P. Azevedo Houshang Bozorgzadeh
Junior Commission	Chair Special Advisor	Denis Davis Michel Gadal
Para TT Division	Chair Deputy Special Advisor	Dorte Kronsell Nico Verspeelt Øivind Eriksen

The Board noted that:

- The President had offered to Mr Tony Yue the possibility of being the ITTF Special Advisor for Mutli-Sport Games. Mr Yue indicated his preference to remain the Chair of the Junior Commission. However, this position was already assigned to another member of the Commission. The President thanked Mr Yue for his long-term service as Chair of the Junior Commission and for his hard work in developing the Global Junior Program for more than 10 years.
- The Executive Committee had appointed Mr Graeme **Ireland** (Technical) and Ms Hajera **Kajee** (Women) as the Technical and Women in Sport Commissioners respectively.
- The Executive Committee had appointed Mr **Cho** Yang Ho (Chair and CEO Korean Air) as a Special Senior Advisor for “Marketing and Finance”; and Mr Sharokh **Shahnazi** (President of Iran Olympic Academy) as a Special Senior Advisor for “Olympic Academies”.
- The outstanding nominations of deputy chair positions for some committees would be filled by the respective chair in due time.

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The Board unanimously approved the appointments of chairs, deputy chairs and special advisors as proposed.

7. **Propositions and Resolutions (document J):** the Board considered the following propositions, which required a simple majority of votes cast:

7	<p>Proposed by the Luxembourg Table Tennis Federation</p> <p>To amend 3.1.2.7</p> <p>3.1.2.7 Detailed explanations and interpretations <u>of Rules, regulations and including equipment specifications for International Competitions</u> shall be published as Technical or <u>Administrative Leaflets</u> authorised by the Board of Directors and; <u>practical instructions and implementation procedures may be issued as Handbooks for Match Officials and Tournament Referees or Guides by the Executive Committee. These publications may include mandatory parts, and also recommendations or guidance.</u></p> <p><i>Effective date: 1 September 2013</i></p>	<p>Passed</p>
8	<p>Proposed by the Japanese Table Tennis Association and Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.5.3.1 and add 3.2.5.3.2</p> <p>3.2.5.3.1 LED advertisements on surrounds shall not move at any other time than before the start and after the end of a match and during authorized intervals.(3.4.4) <u>may move at any time except from the stationary moment at the time of the service until the end of each rally.</u></p> <p>3.2.5.3.2 <u>An Organizer should apply to the ITTF for PRIOR approval to use LED beforehand. LED shall not be so bright as to disturb players during the match.</u></p> <p><i>Effective date: 1 June 2013</i></p>	<p>Passed with a request that the final wording be agreed between the Rules, Equipment Committees and the Athletes' Commission</p>
9	<p>Proposed by the Luxembourg Table Tennis Federation</p> <p>To modify 3.2.5:</p> <p>3.2.5 Advertisements <u>and markings</u></p> <p>3.2.5.1 Inside the playing area, advertisements shall be displayed only on equipment or fittings listed in 3.2.3.2 and there shall be no special additional display.</p> <p>3.2.5.1.1 <u>Advertisements or markings in or next to the playing area shall not be for tobacco goods, alcoholic drinks or harmful drugs, and they shall be without negative discrimination or connotation on the grounds of race, xenophobia, gender, religion, disabilities or other forms of discrimination.</u></p> <p>3.2.5.3 With the exception of LED (light-emitting diodes), advertisements on <u>the surrounds of the sides of the playing area</u>, fluorescent, luminescent <u>or glossy</u> colours shall not be used anywhere in the playing area, <u>and the background colour of the surrounds shall remain dark (3.2.3.3).</u></p> <p>3.2.5.3.1 LED Advertisements on surrounds shall not move at any other time than before the start and after the end of a match and during authorised intervals (3.4.4.) <u>change during the match from dark to light background and vice versa.</u></p> <p>3.2.5.3.2 <u>LEDs on surrounds shall not be so bright as to disturb players during the match and shall not change when the ball is in</u></p>	<p>Passed with a request to cover "no illegal products" to be advertised and 3.2.5.3 to include the JTTA resolution</p>

	<p><u>play.</u></p> <p>3.2.5.3.3 <u>LED advertisements shall not be used without prior approval from ITTF.</u></p> <p>3.2.5.4 Lettering or symbols on the inside of surrounds shall be clearly different from the colour of the ball in use, 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 be clearly different from the colour of the ball in use; it is recommended that they be in slightly darker or slightly lighter shade of the background colour (effective 1 July 2012).</p> <p>3.2.5.8 Advertisements on nets shall be in a slightly darker or slightly lighter shade of the background colour, <u>clearly different from the colour of the ball in use</u>, shall not be within 3cm of the tape along the top edge and shall not obscure visibility through the mesh.</p> <p><i>Effective date: 1 June 2013</i></p>	
10	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.5.6:</p> <p>3.2.5.6 There may be up to 4 advertisements on the floor of the playing area, 1 at each end, <u>each contained within an area of 5m²</u>, and 1 at each side of the table, each contained within an area of 2.5m²; they shall not be less than 1m from the surrounds and those at the ends shall not be more than 2m from the surrounds.</p> <p><i>Effective date: 1 June 2013</i></p>	Passed
11	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p>To modify 3.3.2.5.2:</p> <p>3.3.2.5.2 [Either the umpire or the assistant umpire may] decide that, in an otherwise correct service, the ball touches the net assembly while passing over or around it;</p> <p><i>Effective date: 1 July 2013</i></p>	Passed
12	<p>Proposed by the Chinese Table Tennis Association</p> <p>To modify 3.4.2.1.1:</p> <p>3.4.2.1.1 Wherever possible players shall be given the opportunity to choose one or more balls before coming to the playing area and the match shall be played with one <u>or more</u> of these balls, taken at random by the umpire.</p>	Deferred
13	<p>Proposed by the Japanese Table Tennis Association</p> <p>To amend 3.2.4.2.2:</p> <p>3.2.4.2.2: The racket control test shall normally be carried out before the match, with after the match testing at random only where the player does not submit the racket for a before match test <u>and when selected for an after match test by the referee.</u> but from the quarter-finals on, racket control tests</p>	Deferred

	<p>should be carried out before all the matches of individual events and selected individual matches in all team matches.</p>	
14	<p>Proposed by the Rules Committee</p> <p><i>To amend clauses in 3.8:</i></p> <p>3.8 INTERNATIONAL ELIGIBILITY</p> <p>3.8.3 A player is eligible to represent an Association only if he or she is a national of the country in which that Association <u>governs the sport of table tennis</u> has jurisdiction, except that a player who has already represented an Association of which he was not a national in accordance with previous rules may retain that eligibility.</p> <p>3.8.3.1 Where the players of more than one Association have the same nationality, a player may represent one of these Associations only, if he or she is born in or has his or her main residence in the territory controlled by that Association.</p> <p>3.8.3.2 A player who is eligible to represent more than 1 Association shall have the right to choose which of the relevant Associations he or she will represent.</p> <p>3.8.4 A player is eligible to represent a Continental Federation (1.18.1) in an event of continental teams only if he or she is eligible to represent a member Association of this Continental Federation according to 3.8.3.</p> <p>3.8.5 A player shall not represent different Associations within a period of 3 years.</p> <p><u>3.8.6 A player wanting to represent an Association other than the one he or she was eligible to represent and fulfilling requirements of 3.8.3, shall register with the ITTF through this new Association.</u></p> <p><u>3.8.7 In administering and interpreting its own regulations and decisions an Association shall exercise jurisdiction over players being eligible to represent this Association or being registered with the ITTF through this Association.</u></p> <p>3.8.8 An Association may nominate a player under its jurisdiction (1.21) (3.8.7) 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>3.8.9 A player or his Association shall, if so requested by the referee, provide documentary evidence of his eligibility and his passport.</p> <p>3.8.10 Any appeal on a question of eligibility shall be referred to an Eligibility Commission, consisting of the Executive Committee, the chair of the Rules Committee and the chair of the Athletes' Commission, whose decision shall be final.</p>	Withdrawn
15	<p>Proposed by the Executive Committee (brought forward from 2012)</p> <p><i>To amend 4.1.2.2.4:</i></p> <p>4.1.2.2 Organisers shall provide accommodation and meals from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after the Championships end for.....</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>	Passed

	<i>Effective date: 1 July 2013.</i>	
	Proposed by the Executive Committee <i>To modify clauses in 4.1.3:</i> 4.1.3 Eligibility 4.1.3.1 Only an Association which is not in arrears (1.16.3.3) shall be eligible to enter teams or individual players in the Championships. 4.1.3.2 In addition to provisions of 3.8, being eligible to represent an association other than the one they intend to represent, players that have acquired a new nationality, and wish to represent the association corresponding to the new nationality, <u>shall register with the ITTF through this new association.</u> 4.1.3.3 Such players shall not represent the new association before 16 <u>4.1.3.3.1 the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 12 when registered;</u> 4.1.3.3.2 3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered <u>but at least 12 years of age when registered;</u> 4.1.3.3.3 5 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 18 but at least 15 years of age when registered; 4.1.3.3.4 7 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 21 but at least 18 years of age when registered. 4.1.3.4 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 World Championships.	Defeated <i>Proposition defeated, but the clarified text in 4.1.3.2 was accepted as editorial change to clarify the text with effect from 1 July 2013</i>
	Proposed by the Sports Science Committee <i>To amend 8.2.1 of Technical Leaflet T13:</i> 8.2.1 ITTF has identified a Registered Testing Pool of those players who are more specifically subject to out of competition testing; this pool includes: 17 a) the top 20 <u>10</u> players in the top places of the men's and women's ITTF world ranking list issued in December each year with a maximum of 5 <u>3</u> men and 5 <u>3</u> women per National Association b) the top 40 <u>5</u> players on each of the boys' and girls' ITTF under 18 world ranking list issued in December each year. c) at random, 40 <u>5</u> men and 40 <u>5</u> women from Para Table Tennis from the ranking list <i>Effective date: 1 July 2013</i>	Passed

The Board also considered the following resolutions which required a simple majority of the votes cast:

B	Proposed by the Executive Committee In cases where there is more than one National Table Tennis Association in the same territory, the Executive Committee shall make a final decision on which Association is recognized after having heard the interested parties and after prior consultation with the National Olympic Committee and the government authority that governs the sport in that	Passed
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	territory. <i>Effective date: 1 June 2013</i>	
C	<i>Proposed by the Executive Committee and Equipment Committee</i> That the Equipment Committee define “smoothness” in practical terms, and find a system and mechanism to be used to test smoothness. Once the definition and testing method is finalized, then all rubbers that may appear not to conform to the smoothness definition shall be submitted to the “smoothness” test and, as a result, those rubbers failing the test will not be included in LARC 2014.	<i>Withdrawn</i>
D	<i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i> To adopt the regulations on illegal betting and corruption. <i>Effective date: 1 June 2013</i>	<i>Passed</i>
E	<i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i> To adopt the anti-harassment policy. <i>Effective date: 1 June 2013</i>	<i>Passed</i>
F	<i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i> To modify the terms of reference and composition of Committees: 1. That within the specified number of members of the URC, on recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors, one is appointed as Chair, one is appointed as Deputy Chair (Umpires), and one is appointed as Deputy Chair (Referees). 2. That within the specified number of members of the Sports Science & Medical Commission, on recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors, one is appointed as Chair, one is appointed as Co-Chair (Medical). <i>Effective date: immediate</i>	<i>Passed</i>
G	<i>Proposed by the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association and Athletes’ Commission</i> That the Umpires and Referees Committee devise and develop a set of standard hand signals for the umpires to indicate his/her decision on a player’s fault service.	<i>Passed</i>

The Board also considered the following proposal on the playing system for the 2014 World Championships which required a simple majority of the votes cast:

H	<i>Proposed by the Japanese Table Tennis Association</i> That the playing system proposed be approved and implemented for the 2014 World Championships.	<i>Passed</i>
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8. World Junior Championships: the Board noted:

- 8.1 World Junior Championships 2013 (Morocco): the presentation made.
- 8.2 World Junior Championships 2014 (Shanghai, China): no further update.
- 8.3 World Junior Championships 2015 (Vendée de La Roche, France): no further update.
- 8.4 World Junior Championships 2016: a bid would soon be open.

9. Global Junior Programme: the Board noted that:

- 9.1 World Cadet Challenge:

- The Turkish association withdrew its bid to host this event in 2013 but would consider applying in the future.
- The Barbados association had submitted a bid to host the event in 2014 and made a comprehensive presentation.

9.2 Global Junior Circuit and Finals: a proposal and presentation from the Portuguese association to host the 2013 Global Junior Circuit Finals and the 2014 Youth Olympic Games Qualification.

9.3 Update report: would be circulated.

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The Board resolved to allocate:

- 4.1 The 2013 Global Junior Circuit Finals and the 2014 Youth Olympic Games World Qualification to the Portuguese TT Association in the city of Vilanova de Gaia.
- 4.2 The 2014 World Cadet Challenge provisionally to Barbados provided that the association attended the 2013 event and that the report on the coordination visit to Barbados was positive.

10. World title and World Tour events: the Board noted the presentation from the UAE table tennis association and that the 2013 World Tour Grand Finals (January 2014) and 2015 World Team Classic would be hosted by the UAETTA in Dubai.

11. Updates of technical leaflets: the Board noted the technical leaflets as circulated for:

- T1 for tables to increase safety and include comments from the manufacturers
- T2 for the net assembly
- T3 for the ball to include guidelines for testing poly balls with and without seam
- T4 for racket coverings to allow translucent red racket coverings
- T9 for racket control to remove duplication with the URC's racket control directives to maintain the technical aspects in the technical leaflet.

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The Board approved the changes made to technical leaflets TL1, TL2, TL3, TL4 and TL9 as submitted.

12. Updates of terms of reference: the Board noted the proposed changes to the terms of reference for:

- 12.1 Athletes' Commission except for clause 7.2.
- 12.2 Veterans' Committee.

6-BoD-05-2013

The Board approved the updated terms of reference for the Athletes' Commission and Veterans' Committee.

13. Personal Honorary Membership: Executive Committee recommended to the Board to recommend to the 2014 AGM that the following persons be appointed as "Personal Honorary Members:

- Radivoj Hudetz
- Sharokh Shahnazi
- Eberhard Schöler
- Koji Kimura
- Neil Harwood

The Board also noted the appointments, and effective dates, for the persons appointed by the President to the President's Advisory Council (PAC):

- Radivoj Hudetz May 2013

- Sharokh Shahnazi May 2013
- Eberhard Schöler May 2013
- Koji Kimura AGM 2014
- Neil Harwood AGM 2014

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The Board resolved to recommend to the AGM to take place in 2014 that the following be appointed personal honorary members:

Radivoj Hudetz, Sharokh Shahnazi, Eberhard Schöler, Koji Kimura and Neil Harwood.

- 14. Ratification of the work done by the committees, commissions and working groups:** the Board considered the work done by the committees, commissions and working groups since its last meeting.

8-BoD-05-2013

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

- 15. Next meeting:** the Board noted that its next meeting would be held in Tokyo, Japan, in May 2014.

- 16. Any other business:** the Board noted that:

16.1 the transfer of the ITTF museum to China was being considered while a small exhibition may remain in the Headquarters in Renens/Lausanne together with the archives.

16.2 Mr Stefano Bosi's request to address the Board was granted and that he stated that he accepted the democratic results of the election and would stop any further actions, and that he would now focus on reuniting the European TTU.

16.3 the Executive Committee would establish the rights and duties of special advisors.

- 17. Adjournment:** there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 13h34.

Adham Sharara
Meeting Chair

Date

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Function	Name	Present
Executive Committee	Adham Sharara	1
	Khalil Al Mohannadi	1
	Patrick Gillmann	1
	Chérif Hajem	1
	Masahiro Maehara	1
	Melecio Rivera	1
	Shi Zhihao	1
	Petra Sörling	1
	Thomas Weikert	1
Continental Presidents		
Africa	Khaled El-Salhy	1
Asia	Cai Zhenhua	Apology
Europe	Stefano Bosi	1
Latin America	Oswaldo Borges	1
North America	Bruce Burton	1
Oceania	Patrick Gillmann	1
Continental representatives		
Africa	Berthe Bakhary	1
	Henri Djombo	1
	Monqid El Hajji	1
	Fortuné Luc Olivier Guezo	Apology
	Thomas Kiggundu	1
	Olabanji Oladapo	1
	Phillipe Hao Thyn Voon	1
Asia	Ali Sultan Al Muftah	1
	Afshin Badiee	1
	Thana Chaiprasit	1
	Dhanraj Choudhary	1
	Park Do Cheon	1
	Mohammad Sibtain	1
	Tony Yue	1
Europe	Zdenko Kriz	1
	Dorte Kronsell	1
	Aleksandar Matković	1
	Alexander Murdoch	1
	Christian Palierne	1
	Cristinel Romanescu	1
	Walter Rönmark	1
	Francesco Sciannimanico	Apology
Latin America	Alaor Azevedo	1
	Sergio Blanco	1
	Leonel Aguilar	1
	Iván Santos	1
	Nestor Tenca	1
	Juan Vila	1
North America	Mike Cavanaugh	1

Oceania	Anthony Ho	1
	Graeme Ireland	1
	James Morris	1
Commission chairperson	With a vote	
Athletes' Commission	Claude Bergeret ipo Vladimir Samsonov	1
Committee chairpersons	Without vote	
Equipment	Odd Gustavsen	
Junior	Tony Yue	
Media	Arne Madsen	
Nominations	Chan Foong Keong	
Para TT	Øivind Eriksen	
Rules	Rudolf Sporrer	
Sports science	Jean-François Kahn	
Technical	Graeme Ireland	
URC	Albert Rooijmans	Apology
Veterans (Deputy Chair)	Reto Bazzi	
Women's Working Group	Hajera Kajee	
PAC	Without vote	
	Nils Bergstrom	Apology
	Colin Clemett	
	André Damman	Apology
	Hans Giesecke	
	Han Sang Kook	Apology
	J Rufford Harrison	Apology
	Jane Pinto	Apology
	TD Ranga Ramanujan	Apology
	George Segun	
	Xu Yinsheng	Apology
	Henry Yue	Apology
ITTF staff	Without vote	
	Judit Faragó	
	Glenn Tepper	
	Mikael Andersson	
	Alison Burchell	
	Polona Cehovin Susin	
	Steve Dainton	
	Habiba Besic	
	Raúl Calín	
	Etsuko Enami	
	Vicky Eleftheriade	
		45 votes