

## OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION MEETING

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission held on Monday, 29 February 2016, at 09h00 in the Subang Grand Dorsett Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### 1. President's welcome and opening remarks:

The President welcomed all the members. The OPC noted the apologies of Rio 2016 representatives who were absent.

### 2. Roll call

Thomas Weikert	President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Deputy President
Bruce Burton	Executive Vice-President
Patrick Gillmann	Executive Vice-President
Chérif Hajem	Executive Vice-President
Masahiro Maehara	Executive Vice-President
Melecio Rivera	Executive Vice-President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Shi Zhihao	Executive Vice-President
Khaled El Salhy	African Table Tennis Federation
Tony Yue	Asian Table Tennis Union representative
Ronald Kramer	European Table Tennis Union
Juan Vila	Latin American Table Tennis Union
Tony Kiesenhofer	North American Table Tennis Union
James Morris	Oceania Table Tennis Federation

### In attendance

Jean-Michel Saive	Athletes' representative
Nico Verspeelt	Para TT representative
Graeme Ireland	Technical Delegate Rio 2016 Olympic Games
Richard Scruton	Technical Delegate Rio 2016 Olympic Games
Judit Faragó	CEO
Glenn Tepper	Deputy CEO
Raul Calin	Director (Operations & Olympic Games)
Steve Dainton	Director (Marketing)
Claudia Vatheuer	Assistant to the President

### Absent

Rio 2016 representative with apologies

### 3. Approval of the agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented with addition of 8.3 – IOC membership

### 4. Minutes

- 4.1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 05 December 2015: the minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the President.
- 4.2 Business arising from the minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda:  
There was no further business not covered by the agenda.

## 5. Olympic Games 2016:

### 5.1 Update on qualification process:

- Three Multisport Games and the ITTF-African Qualification Tournament already took place.
- Five continental qualification tournaments were scheduled till middle of April 2016.
- The list of qualified players is published and posted on the ITTF website and will be updated after each tournament.

### 5.2 Tripartite Commission invitation places:

- Deadline for eligible NOCs to apply to IOC was 16 January 2016.
- Twenty-nine (29) applications were received, 18 men and 11 women, 10 from African NOC.
- It was a main criterion that applicants must play the qualification tournament.
- ITTF gave its feedback and input to the IOC – Olympic Solidarity, which will make the final selection.
- Tripartite places will be confirmed after the last Olympic Qualification.

### 5.3 Final confirmation of selected umpires:

- After the ITOs list was approved by the OPC in December 2015, there were few changes in Europe, Asia and Latin America during the confirmation process.
- The final list was published as attached.

### 5.4 Sports Specific Regulations:

- Final draft was presented to the OPC for approval with the note that the wording for replacement of a player and use of P-accreditation has to be clarified and finalized with the IOC before the document could be published and distributed.

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The Commission resolved to approve the Sports Specific Regulations for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, pending the section on replacement of a player and the use of P-accreditation, to be clarified with the IOC before publishing.

### 5.5 Equipment and "Look of the Games":

- After the test event, a few points were raised for consideration regarding the floor colour and the table undercarriage.
- Finally it was decided to keep same equipment as at the test event.
- The Olympic table quality received compliments with the note that it is expensive.

### 5.6 IOC-ASOIF Workshop with IFs:

- IOC and ASOIF organized a workshop early February involving IFs and Rio 2016.
- ITTF was represented by the President and the Director of Operations and Olympic Games.

- It was again emphasized that IFs play a key role in successful preparation and delivery of the Games, especially that Rio 2016 faces many challenges.
- Due to cutting the costs and optimizing the budget, it is expected to lower the service level and to downsize the venues, but decision on the spectator capacity for table tennis was not yet finalized.

5.7 IOC Statement on Zika virus:

- IOC issued a statement with advice for visitors to Zika affected areas in January 2016.
- The ITTF Sports Science and Medical Committee monitors the situation, follows the development, and regularly reports to the Executive Committee, which informs the ITTF family about the latest reports.

5.8 Report from Rio 2016:

- In the absence of the representatives, a Power Point presentation was shown at the meeting with the latest updates about the preparations.

**6. Paralympic Games 2016:**

6.1 Update on qualification and selection process:

- Provisional qualified list of players was published in middle of January 2016.
- Para TT Division selection committee had a meeting on 19-20 February to discuss the bi-partite invitations. The meeting was attended by the athletes' representative.
- Total 31 slots (wild cards) were allocated from 136 applications.
- Total 273 players receive invitations from 49 countries, the selection has to be agreed by the IPC.
- Para TT Division will send out on 12 March 2016 the confirmation of all selected players and teams (regional, ranking, invitations, teams), giving the NPCs two-week time to accept or to reject.
- Libya TTF's appeal to be considered for Paralympic Games wild card selection was repeatedly submitted, the OPC discussed the issue after the CEO reported on the personal meeting with Libya TTF representatives.
- It was stated that visa procedure is difficult for them, however, they started application too late for the last qualifying tournament in Costa Rica; that they did not participate at any of the events during the 2-year qualification period; that they did not submit application for the bi-partite selection.

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The Commission decided with majority votes not to make an exception from the criteria to be eligible for the bi-partite invitation to the 2016 Paralympic Games for the Libyan players.

6.2 Final confirmation of selected umpires:

- It was requested to review the ITOs' selection process for 2020, as only few of the nominated umpires officiated at para events before.

- The final list was published as attached.

6.3 Report from Rio 2016 - covered under item 5.8

## **7. Youth Olympic Games 2018:**

7.1 Update:

- Competition schedule draft was submitted to the IOC with the request increasing the number of days from 7 to 8, in agreement with the organizers.

## **8. Any other business:**

8.1 Mixed Doubles application for Tokyo 2020:

- A letter signed by the ITTF President was submitted to the IOC President with the official application for inclusion of the Mixed Doubles event in the table tennis competition program at the Olympic Games. As a follow-up, the two Presidents had a phone call on the same subject.

8.2 IFs involvement in candidatures for 2024 OG:

- According to the IOC's new policy, IFs are involved from the beginning, and deeper, in the candidature process for the 2024 Olympic Games, as a result, bidding cities share the overall concept and request for sports specific input from the IFs about the venue plan.

8.3 IOC membership:

- The President was asked to give an update on Adham Sharara's IOC member application. He reported that application stands, but the selection procedure is not clear, except that a press release was published on the IOC Election Commission proposal for a targeted recruitment process.
- It was mentioned that table tennis would have 2 candidates for the IOC Athletes Commission election in Rio: Ryu Seung Min (Korea) and Jean-Michel Saive (Belgium).

## **9. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.30

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Thomas Weikert  
President

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Date



**Games of the XXXI Olympiad - Rio de Janeiro 2016  
Table Tennis Umpires and Referees**



Position	NOC	Continent	Name	Gender
Referee	GBR	EU	SHERLOCK Stuart	M
Deputy Referee	JPN	AS	SETA Yukito	M
Deputy Referee	CRC	LA	GARRO Silvia	F
Deputy Referee	USA	NA	TINYSZIN Roman	M
Deputy Referee	AUS	OC	DELPRATT David	M
Umpire	ALG	AF	YAHIA-CHERIF Mouhssene	M
Umpire	EGY	AF	EDRISS Magdy	M
Umpire	NGR	AF	PETERS John	M
Umpire	CHN	AS	PEI Weimin	M
Umpire	HKG	AS	KUNG Kien Jack	M
Umpire	IND	AS	SRIDHAR Srinivasan	M
Umpire	JPN	AS	YAMANAKA Yoshiko	F
Umpire	KOR	AS	LEE Jeong-geum	F
Umpire	LIB	AS	MERHEB Imad Antoine	M
Umpire	BEL	EU	BEUMIER Isabelle	F
Umpire	CYP	EU	SAVVA Andreas	M
Umpire	FRA	EU	STOFFEL Corinne	F
Umpire	GER	EU	HOEHNE Günter	M
Umpire	KOS	EU	BEQIRI Jeton	M
Umpire	POR	EU	DA SILVA Carlos	M
Umpire	SLO	EU	KRNC Matija	M
Umpire	ARG	LA	DIAZ Jose Luis	M
Umpire	CHI	LA	COYDAN Guillermo	M
Umpire	COL	LA	GALLEGO David	M
Umpire	CAN	NA	VIGEANT Denis	M
Umpire	USA	NA	KARSHTEDT Yelena	F
Umpire	AUS	OC	HO Fanny	F
Umpire	BRA	Host	FERREIRA Maria	F
Umpire	BRA	Host	DEMARIO Leonor	F
Umpire	ARG	Host	TICACALA Victor Hugo	M
Umpire	COL	Host	RAMIREZ Yoanna	F

Position	NOC	Continent	Name	Gender
Referee	HKG	AS	CHAN Cheong-ki	M
Deputy Referee	RSA	AF	VOLKWYN Roderique	M
Deputy Referee	SIN	AS	LAU Pub Taai Joseph	M
Deputy Referee	FRA	EU	SIMON Jacky	M
Deputy Referee	BRA	Host	FERREIRA Maria	F
Umpire	ALG	AF	BOUDJEHEM Abdellah	M
Umpire	EGY	AF	RAGAB ElSaied	M
Umpire	NGR	AF	ARINYE Cecilia	F
Umpire	CHN	AS	LU Hong	F
Umpire	HKG	AS	TSE Mei Lan	F
Umpire	IND	AS	DUBEY Atul	M
Umpire	JPN	AS	HIGASHIJIMA Masae	F
Umpire	KOR	AS	KIM Kyung-hee	F
Umpire	SIN	AS	KOH Jung Li	F
Umpire	TPE	AS	CHUNG Li-Chuan	F
Umpire	CZE	EU	KLECKER Roman	M
Umpire	ESP	EU	ZAPATA Carlos	M
Umpire	FRA	EU	VARENGOT Yannick	M
Umpire	GER	EU	MUCHA Heike	F
Umpire	ITA	EU	DE PINTO Pietro	M
Umpire	NED	EU	WIEKART-JAGER Ina	F
Umpire	RUS	EU	SEMENOVA Elena	F
Umpire	SWE	EU	BOGREN Ingrid	F
Umpire	PAR	LA	LARROZA Andres Martin	M
Umpire	VEN	LA	RIVERO Ernesto	M
Umpire	CAN	NA	WONG Jeffrey	M
Umpire	USA	NA	LEE Kagin	M
Umpire	AUS	OC	HOPKINS Alan	M
Umpire	NZL	OC	SCARR Valerie	F

\* Note that at the Paralympic Games, additional umpires will be present (National Technical Officials)