

# Olympic Commission

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## Minutes

of the Olympic Commission Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation, held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2002 at the Opera Hotel, Zagreb, Croatia, at 13:45.

### 1. Roll call

#### Present

Adham Sharara  
Pierre Albertini  
George Segun  
Nils Bergström  
Yang Shuan  
Han Sang Kook

President  
Deputy President  
Executive Vice-President  
Executive Vice-President  
Executive Vice-President  
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Chérif Hajem  
M. C. Chowhan  
Stefano Bosi  
Sheri Pittman  
Miguel Delgado  
Neil Harwood

Continental Vice-President (Africa)  
Continental Vice-President (Asia)  
Continental Vice-President (Europe)  
Continental Vice-President (North America)  
Continental Vice-President (Latin America)  
Continental Vice-President (Oceania)

#### Invited to attend

Georgios Seliniotakis

Competition Manager Athens 2004

#### In attendance

Jordi Serra  
Lilamani de Soysa  
Anders Thunström

Executive Director  
Programme Co-ordinator  
Marketing Director

After explanations by Mr. Adham Sharara, the Olympic Commission agreed that the ITTF would offer the IOC the option of a wild card for the 2004 Athens Games. However, the IOC had been asking the ITTF to concede a wild card from the Continental quota or the Ranking list and the ITTF had always refused. He explained that the ITTF had decided to have a qualifying system instead of wild cards and the Sydney Games had followed this system. However, Mr. Sharara explained that a wild card could be conceded to the IOC from the final qualification system and the IOC could be asked to fund several chosen Olympic Solidarity candidates who would have to come to the final qualification event and qualify for the Games. This would also avoid handing over a scholarship to just one player chosen by the IOC.

Mr. Jordi Serra gave a brief update and explanation of the qualification timelines and re-allocation of unused quotas (*see annex 2*).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 14:00.

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Meeting Chairman, Adham Sharara

## The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)

### EVENTS

Men	Women
Singles	Singles
Doubles	Doubles

### ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota:   86 men  
                           86 women  
                           Total of 172 athletes

Maximum per NOC:   The maximum number of athletes per NOC shall be 3 men and 3 women in the individual events, and a maximum of 2 men's pairs and 2 women's pairs in the doubles event

### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

#### SINGLES – 64 men and 64 women

Sixty-four (64) athletes for each of the men's singles and women's singles events will qualify as follows:

20	ITTF World Ranking, with a maximum of two (2) players per NOC
40	Continental qualification system
1	Host nation direct entry
2	World Qualification Event
1	Tripartite Commission Invitation place
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <span style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">64</span> <span>Total - with a maximum of three (3) players from the same NOC</span> </div>	

#### **1. ITTF World Ranking, May 2003**

The top 20 players on the first ITTF World Ranking published following the 2003 World Championship, in May 2003, will be qualified, with a maximum of 2 players per NOC.

NOCs with more than 2 players ranked in the top 20 have the right to select the players qualified through this criteria.

**2. Continental qualification events**

Players will be qualified through continental qualification events, held between June 2003 to 15 April 2004, according to the following distribution:

6	Africa
11	Asia
11	Europe
6	Latin America
3	North America
3	Oceania
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40	Total

The maximum number of entries per NOC in the continental qualification events shall be limited to the maximum number of places available to the respective NOC following qualification through the ITTF World Ranking of May 2003.

**3. Host nation**

The host nation shall directly qualify 1 place in each individual event.

**4. World Qualification Tournament**

The top 2 players at the World Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Games.

Entries to the World Qualification Tournament will be limited to players who have otherwise not qualified by the ITTF World Ranking or by continental qualification. NOCs may only enter a maximum number of athletes as they have remaining qualification places below the maximum number of 3 per NOC.

The number of qualification places from this competition may be increased if the continental qualification allocation of 40 players is not reached.

**5. Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-ITTF) Invitation places**

NOCs may apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation places in accordance with the identified timeline, and prior to the deadline of 30 June 2002, and the Tripartite Commission will identify a priority list of Invitation applications by 31 August 2002. The ITTF will invite a limited number of Invitation place applicants to compete in the World Qualification Tournament, and 1 Invitation place will be allocated based on the results of the Invitation place applicants at this event.

**DOUBLES – 22 Men and 22 Women**

In addition to the players qualified for singles, 22 men and 22 women will qualify for the doubles event.

The 22 additional players will be selected by each of the ITTF's Continental Federations according to the following distribution:

3	Africa
6	Asia
6	Europe (including a direct entry for the host nation)
3	Latin America
2	North America
2	Oceania

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22 Total players

- It is recommended that each Continental Federation selects and forms the maximum number of doubles pairs using the total number of players who have qualified through singles plus the above allocation
- Players in each doubles pair must be from the same NOC
- It is acceptable that both players in a doubles pair not be entered in the singles event
- A maximum of 1 or 2 doubles pair(s) per NOC may be entered (to be confirmed by the ITTF)

#### Host nation

In each doubles event, the host nation is guaranteed 1 entry from the continental quota (of its own continent) in case that no doubles pair from the host nation qualifies through the continental qualification system

### QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

30 June 2002	NOCs to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation places
31 August 2002	The Tripartite Commission will identify a priority list of applications
	Invitation
31 December 2002	ITTF to confirm the dates and sites of continental qualification events
May 2003	ITTF World Ranking list published following the 2003 World Championship
June 2003 - 15 April 2004	Period for holding the continental qualification events
<i>to be confirmed</i>	Africa continental qualification event, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
<i>to be confirmed</i>	Oceania continental qualification event, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
<i>to be confirmed</i>	Latin America continental qualification event, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
<i>to be confirmed</i>	Europe continental qualification event, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
<i>to be confirmed</i>	Asia continental qualification event, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
<i>to be confirmed</i>	North America continental qualification event, <i>site to be confirmed</i>
30 April 2004	Notification of qualified players and pairs by Continental Federations to the ITTF Headquarters
May 2004	Final World Qualification Tournament for singles, <i>site to be confirmed</i>

30 May 2004	ITTF to confirm to NFs/NOCs the names of all qualified players and pairs
15 June 2004	NOCs to confirm to ITTF the entry of participating players and pairs
30 June 2004	ITTF to confirm the final allocation of all quota places
21 July 2004	Deadline for Athens 2004 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

#### **DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES**

By 30 April 2004, Continental Federations will notify the ITTF of the names of qualified players and pairs for the respective continent, in order to determine eligibility for entry to the Final World Qualification.

Following the conclusion of the Final World Qualification event, and by 30 May 2004 at the latest, the ITTF will confirm in writing to NFs the names of all qualified players and pairs. By 15 June 2004, NFs/NOCs must submit to the ITTF the names of all participating players and pairs, and by 30 June 2004, the ITTF will confirm the final allocation of all quota places.

#### **REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS**

##### SINGLES

##### 1. ITTF World Ranking List

If a player qualified from the ITTF World Ranking list is not entered by their NOC, the unused quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked player from the ITTF World Ranking list.

##### 2. Continental Qualification Tournaments/Final World Qualification Tournaments

Any vacant spot created between the Continental Qualification Tournaments and the Final World Qualification Tournament will be filled by the next eligible player from the Continental Qualification lists. If the continental quotas are not filled before the Final World Qualification Tournament, the vacant spots will be filled by increasing the number of qualifiers from the Final World Qualification Tournament.

##### 3. Cancellations of entries following 21 July 2004

If a vacant spot is created in singles due to injury or other uncontrollable reasons during the Games period between 21 July 2004 (date of final entries) and the day prior to the draw, then the player entered only in doubles with the highest singles ranking may be entered in the singles event.

**DOUBLES**

Unused quota places for the doubles events will be allocated to the next eligible pair available from the respective doubles Continental Qualification list from where the vacancy has been created, in relation to the quota available (1 or 2 places). If a continent cannot present a new double the vacant position will be granted to the player(s) not already qualified for the doubles having finished in the highest position in the Final World Qualification Tournament and having the possibility to form a pair with a player already qualified for singles.