

OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission held in the N1-3 Room, Sakura Tower Hotel, Tokyo, Japan on Tuesday 29 April 2014 at 09h00.

1. President's welcome and opening remarks: the president welcomed all members to the meeting and hoped that all was going well with the World Championships, indicating that feedback received to date had been very positive.

2. Roll call

Adham Sharara	President
Thomas Weikert	Deputy President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Senior 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 (Finance)
Khaled El Salhy	African Table Tennis Federation
Tony Yue	Asian Table Tennis Union representative
Ronald Kramer	European Table Tennis Union
Oswaldo Borges	Latin American Table Tennis Union
Bruce Burton	North American Table Tennis Union
James Morris	Oceania Table Tennis Federation

In attendance

Dorte Darfelt	Para TT representative (in place of Nico Verspeelt)
Wang Liqin	Athlete representative (in place of Vladimir Samsonov)
Judit Faragó	CEO
Glenn Tepper	Deputy CEO
Raúl Calín	Events and Olympic Games Expert
Alison Burchell	Director (Operations and PTT)

3. Approval of the agenda: the agenda was approved as presented.

4. Minutes

4.1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting: the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2014 were confirmed and signed.

4.2 Business arising from the minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda: there was no further business not covered by the agenda.

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

5.1 Nanjing update:

- Accreditation was in process and had to be completed by the end of April 2014.
- There would be an Executive Committee meeting during the event.
- The Athletes' Role Model was initially proposed as Wang Liqin but as he was not available for the full period, Jörgen Persson had also been

appointed so that the responsibility would be shared, with the agreement of IOC.

5.2 Qualification update:

- The qualification process had begun 6 months earlier than for the 2010 cycle and this had led to greater interest from associations and NOCs.
 - All qualified players had been confirmed to date except there was two events still to take place.
 - A limited number of NOCs were eligible to apply for universality places i.e. those NOCs that had less than 4 athletes in 2010 YOG (IOC policy).
 - For the universality places, the IOC sent an application to all eligible NOCs to return with their nominations in ranking order for all sports in late 2012. The ITTF was then asked to rank the nominated athletes as A, B or C preference. The IOC then made a final decision taking into consideration the NOC's ranking, the ITTF ranking and the number of athletes already qualified for each NOC.
 - All players selected by the IOC, were also in the A group as nominated by the ITTF.
 - The ITTF would prefer the allocation of universality places to be done after the qualification process had been completed as some universality candidates were able to qualify directly for the event by competing, which in effect meant that that continent was disadvantaged as the universality place is then re-allocated through world ranking
 - A request to change the system for universality places allocation in the future would be submitted to IOC after Nanjing.
 - Ideally the associations should be aware early of the universality process in order to be able to lobby their NOCs for places for table tennis.
 - For the girls, the universality places were allocated to Uruguay, Guyana, Uganda and Djibouti and for the boys to Congo Brazzaville, Paraguay, St Kitts & Nevis, and Togo. The girl from Uruguay secured a quota place through the qualification tournament; hence the remaining quota place has to be re-allocated from the World Ranking.
- 5.3 Education and cultural update: the Athletes' Role Models would be present for the Opening Ceremony on 16 August 2014 and would attend the scheduled activities in the Educational and Cultural Programs.
- 5.4 Training camp: for the scholarship holders and qualifiers would be held in China from 3 to 23 June 2014 with both Athletes' Role Models in attendance plus Chinese Junior Team Coaches and sparring partners and linked to the 2 junior circuit events being held in China.

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The Commission requested the universality process to be circulated together with the list of players selected for the universality places.

6. Olympic Games 2016: the Commission noted that:

6.1 Qualification system and letter from the DTTB:

- The current qualification system did not to provide a chance to qualify for a player who was absent (injury or illness) from the continental qualification event whereas previously the top 24 players for 2012 qualified directly from the ranking.

- The players therefore should participate in the qualification event.
 - The allocation of the quota places was by name in all events in table tennis (and not by NOC), so if a player was withdrawn after qualification, the replacement was to the next best player by the continental qualification result or by the ranking list and not to the next best player of the same NOC.
 - The Commission requested to refer the issue back to the IOC since any change on the qualification document can be done only with agreement from the IOC.
 - It was noted that the winners of the men's and women's singles event in the European Games to be held in Baku in 2015 would qualify for the Olympic Games.
- 6.2 Order of events, team match format and competition system: Rio 2016, the Olympic Broadcasting Services and the IOC were investigating the impact of the proposal to increase the number of days by 1 or 2 and would respond to the ITTF soon.
- 6.3 P-Accreditation use: a player who was replaced in the team event would not be able to compete in the singles event.
- 6.4 Report from Rio 2016:
- The equipment list had been reviewed and updated, procurement had started in April 2014 and equipment would arrive in time for the test event.
 - The ITTF was open to innovation in the design and colours for the field of play; the overall Games look and feel concept would be released in August 2014 and the proposal for the field of play presented by the end of 2014.
 - Brazil TTF (CBTM) was translating the course material from the ITTF to train NTOs up to international umpire level.
 - 18 to 21 November 2014 was proposed for the test event but the event would take place in Pavilion 4, not Pavilion 3, which was allocated for the table tennis events at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
 - A maximum of 64 men and 64 women players or 16 teams would be able to participate in the test event but participation would be at the cost of the participating associations.
 - The test event was to test logistics and systems for Rio 2016.
 - The next version of the draft competition schedules had been presented.
 - A new venue layout had been proposed after the site visit for both Games.
 - The list of hotels would be available in May 2014.
 - Some hotels may not be complete by the time of the Olympic Games so ITOs would be accommodated in Barra, close to the venue, and the ITTF would likely be in Copacabana area, but the travel time from Copacabana would be a disincentive.
 - The visit to Rio 2016 on 25 and 26 March 2014 had been useful including a visit to 2 hotels indicative of the expected standard of accommodation.
 - The test event format would be finalised at the next meeting.
- 6.5 ORIS report:
- The Technical Delegate (Graeme Ireland) and the Events and Olympic Games Expert (Raul Calin) had met the Atos and IOC experts with Rio

2016 to discuss the Olympic Results and Information System in March 2014.

- The review document of 500 pages had been presented for the ITTF to submit comments.
- Changes would still be accommodated if submitted in 2014.

6.6 ITO nominations (Jury): these should be submitted at the next meeting.

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The Commission asked the Executive Committee to finalize the order of the events, the playing system and the qualification system based on the final approval of Rio 2016 and IOC on the proposed changes.

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The Commission asked the continental presidents to submit nominations for the jury by the next meeting.

7. Paralympic Games 2016: the Commission noted that:

7.1 Competition schedule: had been finalised and the next draft of the competition schedule had been produced.

7.2 Report from Rio 2016: due to budget constraints, the test event for table tennis would not take place but an alternative for testing the venue and systems would be presented.

7.3 Qualification system review:

- There had been several complaints raised by some associations about the system.
- The points which players had to accumulate for qualification were considered for some too difficult and for some too easy.
- The system should be reviewed as part of the development process.
- The participation of players in both abled-body and Para events was a significant commitment and should be given special consideration.
- The qualification system for 2016 had already been approved but the Para Table Tennis Division could consider relaxing some requirements.
- The wild card, within the ITTF, had no criteria attached but in Para Table Tennis had some criteria, which had to be met. This matter has to be reconsidered for the future.
- A meeting would be held on 2 May 2014 to begin the review for the 2020 Paralympic Games.

8. Any other business: the president thanked all members for their participation and cooperation over the years, as this was the last O&P Commission meeting he would chair.

9. Adjournment: there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10h20.

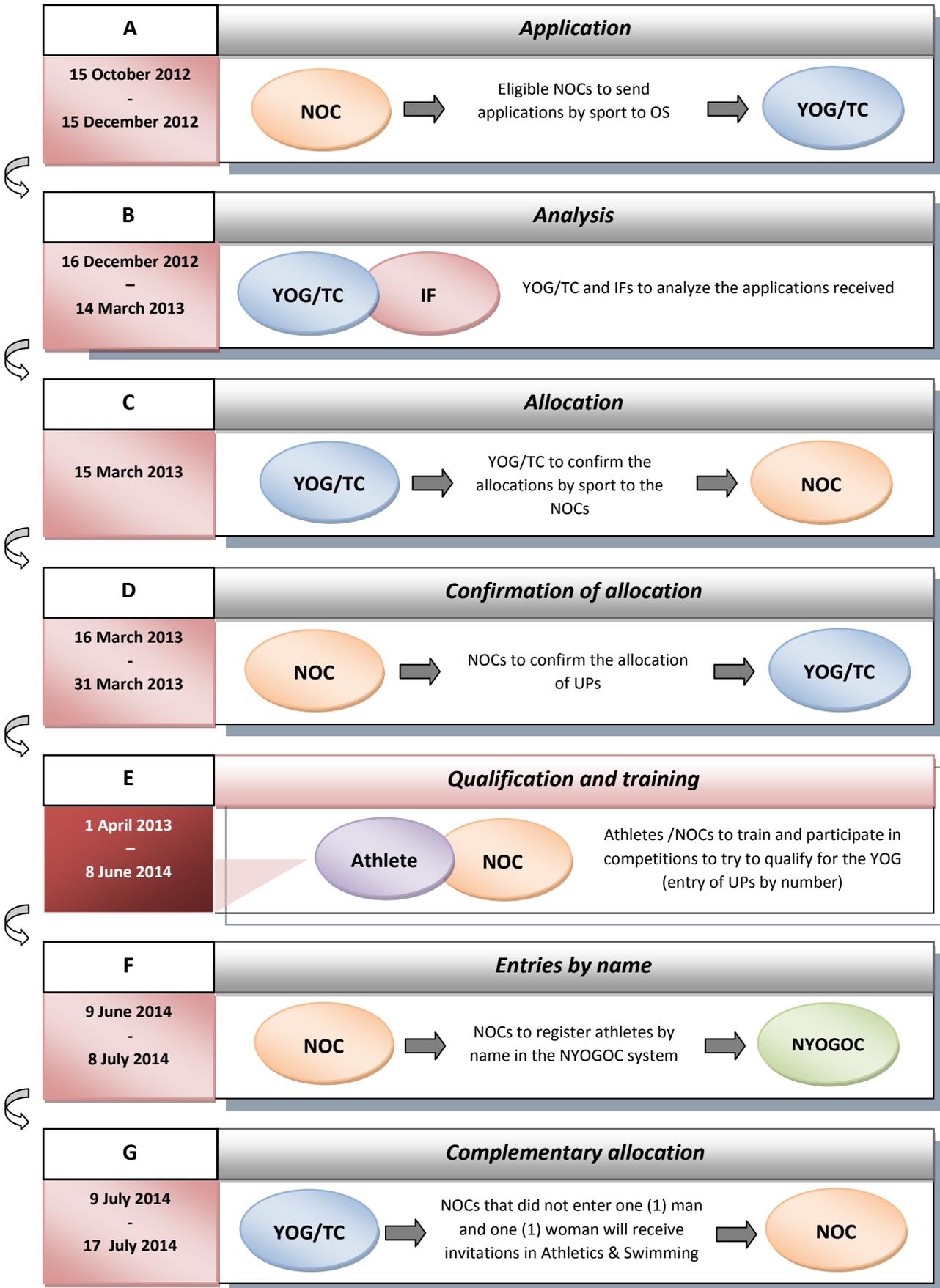
Adham Sharara, President

Date



- NOC** : National Olympic Committee
- IF**: International Federation
- YOG/TC**: Youth Olympic Games Tripartite Commission
- NYOGOC**: Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee

8. ALLOCATION PROCESS SUMMARY (see page 3 for details)



Important: All places that cannot be allocated to eligible NOCs will be returned to the relevant IFs for redistribution according to the principles defined in their qualification systems.