

OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission held on Saturday, 10 December 2016, at 09h00 in the Al Basir Conference Hall, Sheraton Grand Doha Hotel, Doha, Qatar

1. President's welcome and opening remarks

The President welcomed all the members, specifically RYU Seung Min, mentioning that ITTF is proud to have an IOC member, elected in Rio to the IOC Athletes Commission.

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
Shi Zhihao	Executive Vice-President
Petra Sorling	Executive Vice-President
Khaled El-Salhy	Continental President (Africa)
Afshin Badiee	Continental Representative (Asia)
Ronald Kramer	Continental President (Europe)
Juan Villa	Continental President (Latin America)
Tony Kiesenhofer	Continental President (North America)
James Morris	Continental President (Oceania)

In attendance

Vladimir Samsonov	Athletes Commission Chair
Ryu Seung Min	IOC Athletes Commission Member
Arne Madsen	Media Committee Chairman
Judit Faragó	CEO
Glenn Tepper	Deputy CEO
Raul Calin	Director (Operations & Olympic Games)
Steve Dainton	Director (Marketing)
Claudia Vatheuer	Assistant to the President
Vicky Eleftheriade	Recording Secretary

Apologies

Nico Verspeelt	Para TT representative
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3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Minutes

4.1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 February 2016
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.

5. Rio 2016 Olympic Games

5.1. Review and assessment

- The President informed that the report from TV data for table tennis was received recently, and the figures are very good, also compared to other sports. The indicators for China are impressive and good figures were also reported in Japan, Germany, Korea and USA. The full report will be sent to the OPC members.
- The CEO briefly reported that Rio 2016 was a special event. Playing conditions, atmosphere and sport presentation in the competition venue were excellent, externally it was a successful event. Transport, workforce and logistic problems were real issues. The IOC's final conclusion was that "Rio 2016 was the most perfect of the imperfect games".

5.1.1. Post-Games IF debriefing report

- The CEO informed that ASOIF has submitted a questionnaire to all member IFs for feedback. The summary of the report with key recommendations was presented to and discussed with the IFs at the Rio 2016 debriefing held in October in Lausanne. The CEO and Director (Operations & Olympic Games) attended this meeting on behalf of ITTF.
- The main recommendations of the Post-Games report were:
 - the growing importance of the involvement of IFs in the preparation and the delivery of the Games,
 - the consideration of merging the Sport Manager position with the Event Manager position to one Senior Staff position. For Tokyo 2020 it seems too late because Sport Managers are already appointed, but this could be considered for future Games.
 - the consideration to change when the Games are allocated, to avoid constant changes in venue master plan and to reduce risk of national and global economic landscape during the preparation period.

5.1.2. Internal survey

- The Director (Operations & Olympic Games) presented the "Rio 2016 Table Tennis Internal Survey" analysis.
- On a discussion following the presentation the following points were noted:
 - Transport for ITTF family was far from ideal, but for athletes it was excellent as the Olympic Village was in walking distance to the table tennis venue. On the other hand for spectators the venue was rather out of the center.
 - There were different recommendations: abolish manual scorers, have maximum 2 competition tables, not allow change of shirts outside, review team event format, focus more on Olympic Family Lounge service, etc...

As a result of the internal survey conclusion, discussion was advanced on agenda point 8.1.4

Event program proposals

- Request on modification of the event program and on athlete quota for the Tokyo 2020 Games has to be submitted to the IOC by 28 February 2017.
- According to earlier decision of the OPC, the mandate was given to apply for addition of the Mixed Doubles to the table tennis events.
- Discussion started if the application has to include also Men's and Women's Doubles, if it is realistic to request 3 events.
- The CEO gave a short report on what other IFs will possibly apply for. It was estimated that the IOC could have not less than 30 applications for new events in Tokyo.
- On the other hand table tennis has more content than other sports that have more medal events than only four.
- The President informed that he already talked with the IOC President and mentioned that we want at least one more event and his recommendation was to apply for the Mixed Doubles, which perfectly fits Agenda 2020 for gender equity.
- It was further noted that Mixed Doubles is traditionally and since the beginning included

in the World Championships program.

- It was noted that ITTF can submit one or two separate applications (XD and/or MD,WD and/or XD,MD,WD) and in both cases explain in details how such additions will add values to the Games and particularly to the host, Japan. With both scenarios it is very important to have Tokyo 2020's support.
- Regarding the debate on limiting the NOCs participation to 4 or 5 events in case of addition of the Mixed Doubles, it was noted that the best is to wait first for the IOC decision before going into details of implementation.
- The Athletes Commission Chair suggested going for both applications because Japan is strong in table tennis and there is maybe good potential.
- Majority of the OPC members agreed that from tactical point of view it would be good to go ahead with two separate applications with gender equity considered and Mixed Doubles as preferred option, and later on when we know the result, discuss on details.
- It was noted that Asia is in favor of raising the number of medals.

1-OPC-12-2016

The Commission resolved to submit to the IOC two separate applications on the event program for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games:

- One application for inclusion of the Mixed Doubles;
- One application for inclusion of the Men's Doubles and the Women's Doubles.

As a result of the internal survey conclusion, discussion started on the Tokyo 2020 Playing System (Olympic Team match format), not specifically on the agenda.

Olympic Team Match Format

- The North American Continental President, with the input of the Jury members from Rio and the Media Committee Chair, Mr Madsen, has presented the "Discussion paper: The Olympic Team Format".
- The following points were noted after the presentation:
 - The current team format:
 - has long breaks between matches, which is not good for TV, while TV has a 60% factor in IOC's evaluation indicators;
 - many results are predictable and matches are decided after the doubles match;
 - match between the top 2 players is not guaranteed, often does not take place.
 - It was noted that the written proposal has to be sent to the OPC members for further consideration, so that a decision can be made before the end of 2018, to give at least 2 years to the NAs to prepare.
 - It was noted that there should be communication with athletes and possibly have a test event or use the system at the World Team Cup.
 - A suggestion was made to send a survey to the NAs for feedback.
 - The Athletes Commission Chair raised if ITTF ever considered using the Davis Cup system at the Olympic Games.

2-OPC-12-2016

The Commission resolved to form a Working Group (Olympic Team Format), consisting of the Athletes Representative, the Media Committee Chair, the Technical Commissioner, the Director (Operations & Olympic Games), the Director (Marketing) and Continental President – North America, with the task to elaborate a proposal by the end of February 2018 and to open a survey to the National Associations and to the athletes.

As a result of the internal survey conclusion, discussion started on the Tokyo 2020 Qualification System, not specifically on the agenda.

Qualification system

- With the new World Ranking to be in effect as of January 2018, and with the general view that there is a need for a separate team and individual qualification system, and subject to the IOC decision on the doubles in July, it was decided that a Working Group will be formed at the next OPC meeting, and it will start working as soon as the events for Tokyo 2020 are confirmed (July 2017) with the aim of having a proposal by November 2017.

5.2. Report of the Technical Delegates

- The report of the Technical Delegates was already included in the agenda documents and briefly reviewed during the meeting.
- Special notes of thanks were addressed to both Graeme Ireland and Richard Scruton for all the work they did the last two years. Best wishes for quick recovery were expressed from all the OPC members to Richard Scruton.

6. Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

- In the absence of the Para TT representative, Director of Operations & Olympic Games was requested to report on the agenda point.

6.1. Review and assessment

- The Executive Vice Presidents - attending the Paralympic Games - noted that most of the challenges during the Olympic Games were less problematic during the Paralympic Games. Many aspects were better, including transport, the Olympic Family lounge etc. The atmosphere created by spectators was tremendous.
- It was noted that the IPC President visited table tennis and spent half day in the venue.

6.2. Report of the Technical Delegate

- The report of the Technical Delegates was already included in the agenda documents and briefly reviewed during the meeting.
- Special notes of thanks were addressed to both Nico Verspeelt and Georgios Seliniotakis for all the work they did as well as to Emese Barsai, especially because of the complex qualification system.
- It was further noted that Georgios Seliniotakis attended the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games Debrief held on 4-6 November 2016 in Bonn, Germany
- IPC asked if ITTF wishes to change the competition format.
- It was noted that among other territories, there was 1 hour live TV coverage every night in New Caledonia, the best ever coverage for table tennis in the country.

7. Youth Olympic Games

- The Director (Operations & Olympic Games) presented the "YOG Inspection Visit report" and a short summary follows under each point 7.1 and 7.2.

7.1. Inspection visit report

- The inspection in Buenos Aires took place on 12 and 13 September 2016.
- It was noted that in terms of budget and compared to the previous two YOGs, the 2018 YOG will be more moderate, but will be fine.
- There will be one show court setup, with three additional competition tables in a separate setup in the Tecnopolis cluster.
- There will be 8 warm up tables and 12 practice tables, all under one roof.
- The schedule is extended to 8 days of competition: 4 days Singles and 4 days Team events what is ideal for the better presentation of our sport.

- An official training camp will take place for 3 days, just prior to the competition.

7.2. Equipment selected

- Tables will be provided by Stag.
- Balls will be provided by DHS.
- Sports flooring will be provided by Enlio.

7.3. Format of play

- It will be very similar to previous YOGs, as agreed before, consolation matches will be removed to allow more time for the athletes to take part in the cultural activities as recommended by the IOC.

The Event Programme and Format of Play document is attached to the Minutes.

7.4. Qualification system

- There was a close coordination with the IOC about the qualification system.
- The Universality Places were reduced from 4 to 2 places in each gender.
- Compared to the two previous YOGs, the qualification system for individual events is shortened, and will have 3 steps: Continental Qualification Events, Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series and the U-18 World Ranking.
- The Director (Operations & Olympic Games) requested the continents to submit feedback before 15 December 2016 on the continental qualification events dates and locations, in order to meet the deadline to report to the IOC by 31 December 2016.
- It was noted that there is no change on the team events' qualifications.

The latest version of the Qualification System document (1 February 2017) is attached to the Minutes.

7.5. Continental qualification events

- Europe's Continental President reported that it's difficult to find organizers for the YOG Qualification event. The fact that there is no income from the event makes it difficult to organize event. Europe's Continental President requested the ITTF and IOC to contribute to the event, because there is no other way to market it as a project.
- It was noted that the general policy in the past was based on the expectation that NOCs support such an event with the aim of easier qualification as a host.
- The Director (Marketing) noted that they could try to sell the YOG Qualification events, as part of a package, but it needs time to evaluate and to explore its value.
- The Director (Operations & Olympic Games) suggested to ask a deadline extension for Europe from the IOC, and same time to send a joint call (ITTF and ETTU) for interest to member NAs to find potential host, especially World Junior Circuit organizers who could easily make it as a consecutive event at the same place. It was noted that Europe's Continental President and Director (Operations & Olympic Games) would discuss after the meeting.
- During the discussion it was noted that the ETTU President expects a contribution of around EUR 20.000 per continent from the ITTF. The ITTF President and Executive Vice President in charge of finance explained that there is no budget planned for this, which does not allow an immediate approval, but that the request will be taken into consideration and discussed further.

8. Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games

8.1. Updated report

- The Director (Operations & Olympic Games) presented an update on the progress of Tokyo 2020 preparations.

8.1.1. Table tennis venue

- There will be a 4-table setup, similar to Rio and London.
- The proposed ITTF hotel is 2 metro stations away from the Competition venue.

8.1.2. Equipment selected

- Tables will be provided by San-Ei.
- Balls will be provided by DHS.
- Sports flooring will be provided by Tinsue.

8.1.3. Inspection plan

- An inspection, including the visit to the two potential training venues, will be held in June 2017, connected to the Japan Open – ITTF World Tour in Tokyo.

8.1.4. Event program proposals – *was discussed under agenda item 5.1.2*

8.2. Appointment of a representative from Tokyo 2020

- The Director (Operations & Olympic Games) was requested to write an official letter Tokyo 2020 to appoint their representative on the OPC.

8.3. Sport Manager

- Tokyo 2020 proposed Mrs. Sachiko Yokota for the position of the Sport Manager and the ITTF confirmed the appointment.

9. Any other business

9.1. Bid cities for 2024 Olympic Games

- The Director (Operations & Olympic Games) made a presentation on the inspections held in Los Angeles, Paris and Budapest.
- Questionnaires were sent by the IOC to the IFs to assess different aspects of the bids.
- It was noted that the IOC has involved the IFs in the candidature process, and the Director (Operations & Olympic Games) thanked the EC for entrusting him to attend all inspection visits, as it's important to have the same "eyes" evaluating the different bids.

Budapest

- The venue initially suggested was 60km far from the capital, but on request there was a change in the venue master plan to the Expo of Budapest in the city center.
- The distance of the venue from the Olympic Park is 12 minutes.

Los Angeles

- The proposed venue is located in the Downtown Sports Park.
- The distance of the venue from the Olympic Park is 25 minutes.

Paris

- The venue is located in the Expo center.
- The distance of the venue from the Olympic Park is 25 minutes.
- It was noted that the venue for the Paralympics would be different because of the Olympic venue is occupied.

- As a general conclusion, the Director (Operations & Olympic Games) feels confident with all three bids venue proposals and the fact that he already met people from all Candidate Cities will make it easy to work with any of them.

9.2. IOC membership – IOC Athletes Commission

- It was once more noted that RYU Seung Min became an IOC member after being elected to the IOC Athletes Commission. The final list of the IOC Athletes Commission members was included in the agenda documents.
- RYU Seung Min thanked the ITTF athletes and family for the help to be elected and promised to help table tennis as much as possible.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11h53.

Thomas Weikert
President

Date



Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games

Table Tennis Event programme & Format of Play

1. Events

Men (1): Singles	Women (1): Singles	Mixed (1): International team competition (1M, 1W)
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2. Athlete quotas

Women	32
Men	32
Total	64

3. Age group

Age range	4 years
Dates	Born between 01.01.2000 – 31.12.2003
Age	15 to 18 years old

4. Competition Format

Singles event:

The singles event consists of two phases: first stage and main draw. The first phase is a round robin group format. The main draw is a direct elimination.

First Stage: Matches are played to three of five games. Games are played to 11 points with at least two points difference.

Main draw: Matches are played to four of seven games. Games are played to 11 points with at least two points difference.

Team event:

The team event consists of two phases (first stage and main draw).

Each team match consists of three matches. The first match is a singles match between the two players of the same gender. The second match is a singles match between the other two players. After a five minutes break, the third match is a mixed doubles match. Matches are played to three of five games. Games are played to 11 points with at least two points difference.

During the first stage all three matches will be played. During the main draw matches will finish as soon as one team wins two matches.

Teams may be formed from the same NOC or as a mixed international team.

In 2018, there will not be consolation matches both in singles and team event. In so doing, athletes will have more time to participate in the cultural activities and on the lab activities.



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

Table Tennis

A. EVENTS (3)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)	Mixed Events (1)
Men's singles	Women's singles	International team competition

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Table tennis:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Universality Places	Total
Men	29	1	2	32
Women	29	1	2	32
Total	58	2	4	64

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	1
Women	1
Total	2

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

Age

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN & WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.1. 14 Men 14 Women	<p>D.1. Continental Qualification Events</p> <p>The top ranked male and female athletes at the respective Continental Qualification Events will be qualify for the YOG according to the following distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europe – Top four (4) ranked athletes • Asia – Top four (4) ranked athletes • Latin America – Top two (2) ranked athletes • Africa – Top two (2) ranked athletes • Oceania – Top ranked athlete • North America – Top ranked athlete <p>ITTF to confirm with the continental associations the continental qualification events dates and places by 31 December 2016.</p>
D.2. 12 Men 12 Women	<p>D.2. “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series”</p> <p>The “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series” is a series of six (6) special competitions held immediately before or after the ITTF Junior Circuit competitions for athletes in the YOG age category. Each NOC may be represented by only one (1) athlete per competition per gender.</p> <p>There will be two (2) direct elimination competitions, on two (2) consecutive days, the top ranked athletes in each gender per competition from NOCs not qualified through D.1 will qualify for the YOG.</p>
D.3. 3 Men 3 Women	<p>D.3 ITTF Under-18 World Ranking</p> <p>The top three (3) ranked age-eligible athletes from an NOC not yet qualified through D.1 and D.2 on the ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018 will qualify for the YOG.</p>
D.4.	<p>D.4 Mixed Team Event</p> <p>For the mixed team event, teams will be composed of one (1) male athlete and one (1) female athlete from athletes qualified for the individual competitions.</p> <p>Teams will be formed according to the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Same NOC team - One (1) boy and one (1) girl from the same NOC Continental team - One (1) boy and one (1) girl from different NOCs but from the same continent Intercontinental team - One (1) boy and one (1) girl from different NOCs



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will automatically qualify one (1) male and one (1) female on the condition that both athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C of this document.

UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Two (2) male Universality Places and two (2) female Universality Places will be made available to eligible NOCs at the YOG.

To be considered for a YOG Universality Place athletes must have participated in the last continental junior championships before the selection and at least one ITTF Junior Circuit event in the two years prior to the Youth Olympic Games and that the athletes meet the criteria under section C.

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality Places by 15 January 2017. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs, in collaboration with ITTF, as of 13 March 2017. The NOCs will have until 31 March 2017 to confirm the use of their places to the Tripartite Commission.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

ITTF shall publish the list of NOCs' qualification places immediately after every Continental Qualification Event and "Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series" on their website at www.ITTF.com

ITTF will confirm all NOCs' qualification places (from D.1, D.2 and D.3) on 10 July 2018.

The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks until 24 July 2018, to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to ITTF and BAYOGOC by 10 July 2018 the use of its Host Country Places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the athlete qualified through D.1, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete, from an NOC not yet qualified, at the respective Continental Qualification Event. If there are no more eligible athletes from the respective continent to reallocate the quota place to, the unused



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quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete, from an NOC not yet qualified, from the ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018.

- If the athlete qualified through D.2, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete, at the respective “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series” competition from an NOC not yet qualified.
- If the athlete qualified through D.3, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete on the ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018 from an NOC not yet qualified.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host country achieved its quota places through D.1, it will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified at the Latin America Continental Qualification Event.

If the host country achieved its quota places through D.2, it will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified from the respective “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series” competition.

If the host country returns or achieved its quota places through D.3, it will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified from ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018.

If the host country declines the quota place it will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified from ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Any unused Universality Place, including those returned after the final allocation by YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to next best-ranked athlete, from an NOC not yet qualified, of the respective gender from the ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Universality Places	31 March 2017	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission
Qualification	1 April 2017 - 23 July 2018	YOG 2018 qualification period
	16 - 17 April 2017	African Continental Qualification Event, Tunis (TUN)
	29 April / 1st May 2017	Asian Continental Qualification Event, Ahmedabad, Gujarat (IND)
	12 - 14 May 2017	Latin American Continental Qualification Event, Santo Domingo (DOM)
	3 - 5 November 2017	European Continental Qualification Event, Split (CRO)
	11 - 12 November 2017	Oceanian Continental Qualification Event, Bendigo (AUS)
	19 - 20 December 2017	North American Continental Qualification Event, Las Vegas (USA)
	2018 (Date TBC)	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series 1 (Location TBC)
	2018 (Date TBC)	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series 2 (Location TBC)
	2018 (Date TBC)	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series 3 (Location TBC)
	2018 (Date TBC)	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series 4 (Location TBC)
	2018 (Date TBC)	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series 5 (Location TBC)
	2018 (Date TBC)	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series 6 (Location TBC)
	1 July 2018	Publication of ITTF Under-18 World Ranking
Accreditation Deadline	<date>*	Buenos Aires 2018 Accreditation Deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
	10 July 2018	ITTF to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places Host Country to confirm the participation of athletes
	24 July 2018	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to ITTF and BAYOGOC
Reallocation	25 July 2018	ITTF to reallocate all unused quota places and NOCs to confirm
	22 August 2018	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries Deadline	23 August 2018	Entries deadline by name for all sports
Finalisation of DRP Deadline	<date>*	Finalisation of DRP Deadline
YOG	1 - 12 October 2018	3 rd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires 2018

*To be defined