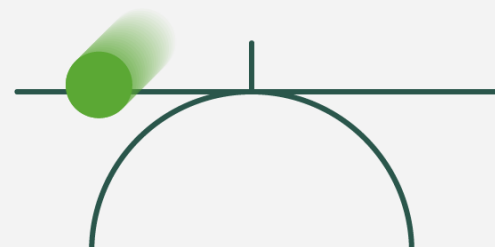




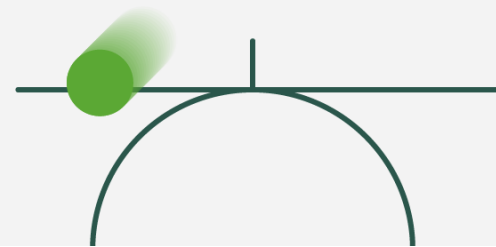
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Article 1 – Legal Basis and Authority

1.1 The Sports Science and Medical Committee (“the Committee”) is constituted as a Permanent Committee of the International Table Tennis Federation (“ITTF”) in accordance with Article 1.71.1 of the ITTF Statutes.

1.2 These Terms of Reference (“TOR”) are issued under the authority of the ITTF Executive Board, which holds the exclusive power to establish and amend the terms governing all Committees, except as provided otherwise by the Statutes.

1.3 In the event of inconsistency between these TOR and the ITTF Statutes, the provisions of the Statutes shall prevail without exception.

1.4 The Committee exercises an advisory and expert function, except where the ITTF Council expressly delegates authority under Article 1.71.8 of the Statutes.

Article 2 – Purpose

2.1 The purpose of the Committee is to promote, guide and support the application of sports science, sports medicine, research, health and safety, and anti-doping measures within Table Tennis globally.

2.2 The Committee shall act as the principal scientific and medical advisory body to the ITTF, supporting the Executive Board, Council, and other relevant ITTF structures.

2.3 The Committee shall contribute to the advancement of knowledge, evidence-based policy, athlete welfare, and the scientific development of the sport.

Article 3 – Composition

3.1 The Committee shall consist of six full members and four corresponding members appointed by the AGM in odd-numbered years, based on nominations received from Member Associations and recommended by the Nominations Committee.

3.2 One full member shall be appointed Chair of the Committee by the ITTF Council.

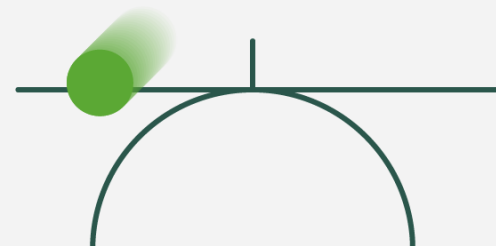
3.3 The membership shall include:

3.3.1 Five members with expertise in sports science;

3.3.2 Three members with expertise in sports medicine;

3.3.3 Two members with expertise in anti-doping;

3.4 The Executive Board shall appoint an Anti-Doping Chief as a member of the Committee.



3.5 A staff member (the ITTF Anti-Doping Manager) appointed by the CEO shall serve as Secretary of the Committee, with speaking rights but without voting rights.

3.6 An Executive Vice-President appointed by the Executive Board shall serve on the Committee.

3.7 The President and Secretary General shall be ex officio members.

3.8 The AGM shall appoint, suspend, or remove members of the Committee in odd-numbered years, acting on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee and in accordance with the Statutes.

3.9 Nominations may only be submitted by the Member Association of which the nominee is a member or Official. Nominations shall be lodged no later than ninety (90) days prior to the AGM at which appointments are to be made.

3.10 No person may be appointed to more than one Committee simultaneously. No more than four Committee positions may be held by Officials affiliated with the same Member Association. No member of the Executive Board may serve on a Permanent Committee.

3.11 Provided that sufficient female nominations have been submitted, not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of full members shall be selected from among female nominees.

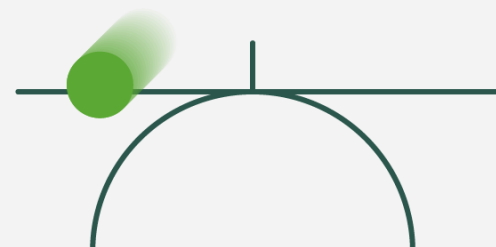
3.12 The term of office of all Committee members shall coincide with that of the ITTF Executive Board.

Article 4 – Chair

4.1 The Chair shall be appointed by the ITTF Council in odd-numbered years on the recommendation of the Executive Board and shall serve for the duration of the Committee's term.

4.2 The Chair shall:

- provide strategic leadership to the Committee and ensure compliance with these Terms of Reference and the ITTF Statutes;
- convene, determine the agenda of, and preside over Committee meetings in accordance with the ITTF Statutes and relevant policies, including the Conflict of Interest Policy;
- oversee the articulation, drafting and presentation of any recommendations, including reports to the ITTF Council and Executive Board;
- ensure constructive and inclusive deliberation among all Committee Members;



- oversee liaison with relevant ITTF structures, including the Competition Programme, event medical services, anti-doping units, and others.
- monitor participation levels of members and, in consultation with the ITTF Staff Member, initiate procedures in cases of inactivity;
- jointly with the Committee Secretary, communicate with ITTF departments as necessary to fulfil the Committee's mandate.

4.3 The Chair shall attend the Annual General Meeting with the right to speak but not to vote, and may attend Council meetings as an expert adviser, with the right to speak but no voting rights.

Article 5 – Deputy Chair

5.1 The Committee may propose the appointment of a Deputy Chair from among its full members. The appointment shall take effect upon approval by the Executive Board.

5.2 The Deputy Chair shall assist the Chair in carrying out their duties and shall act in place of the Chair during absences, temporary unavailability, or incapacity. Where the Chair becomes vacant, the Deputy Chair shall exercise the functions of the Chair until the ITTF Council appoints a new Chair.

5.3 The Deputy Chair shall support meeting preparation, assist in monitoring member engagement and regional coordination, and contribute to the strategic direction and reporting obligations of the Committee.

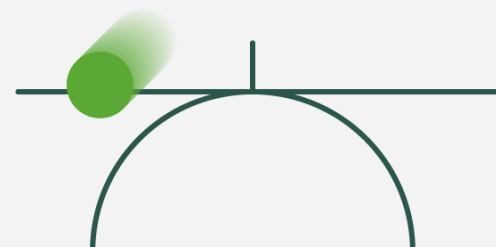
5.4 The Deputy Chair shall not automatically acquire the speaking privileges of the Chair at the AGM or ITTF Council meetings unless acting as Acting Chair for the purpose of such attendance.

Article 6 – ITTF Staff Member (Secretary)

6.1 The Secretary of the Committee shall be a staff member of the ITTF appointed by the Chief Executive Officer. The Secretary shall not be a voting member of the Committee.

6.2 The Secretary shall:

- serve as the Anti-Doping Manager;
- administrate and coordinate the ITTF anti-doping activity;
- facilitate the logistical organisation of meetings and ensure adequate notice and circulation of agendas and supporting documentation;



- prepare and distribute the minutes of meetings, obtain approval from the Chair, and record key decisions;
- coordinate correspondence between Committee members and submit proposals to the Chair for circulation when decision by correspondence is initiated;
- support the Chair in facilitating communication with ITTF departments and third parties, as required;
- maintain records of member participation and assist in monitoring compliance with these Terms of Reference;
- ensure adherence to ethical, confidentiality and data protection standards in the administration of the Committee's business, particularly in relation to medical and anti-doping matters.

6.3 The Secretary shall provide administrative continuity during changes in Committee membership and may be present in any Committee sub-committees or sub-groups.

Article 7 – Rights of Committee Members at the AGM

7.1 Committee members may attend the Annual General Meeting as observers, without the right to speak or vote, unless they are participating in their capacity as representatives of a Member Association, in which case they shall enjoy the usual rights of delegation consistent with that representation.

Article 8 – Sports Science Functions

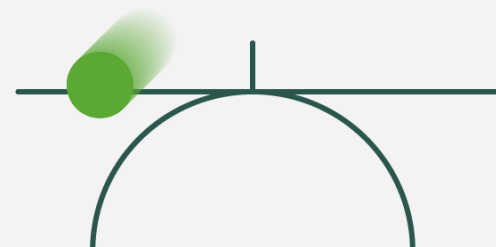
8.1 Scientific Research and Data Collection

8.1.1 The Committee shall collect, analyse and interpret data relevant to table tennis sciences, including physiological, biomechanical, medical, psychological, technological and tactical research.

8.1.2 The Committee may propose research projects aligned with the development of the sport, including improvements to player performance, equipment, training methodologies, injury prevention and mental and physical development.

8.1.3 The Committee shall promote evidence-based knowledge transfer to players, coaches, Member Associations and ITTF departments.

8.2 Scientific Congress



8.2.1 The Committee shall contribute to the organisation of a scientific congress at least every two (2) years, held prior to or during the World Individual Championships.

8.2.2 The Committee shall prepare scientific content, propose speakers, and support event organisers to ensure the congress meets recognised academic and scientific standards.

Article 9 – Sports Medicine, Health & Safety Functions

9.1 The Committee shall issue health and safety recommendations and guidelines for players, coaches, officials and event organisers.

9.2 The Committee shall provide surveillance of athlete health and propose preventive measures to reduce injury, illness and other risks associated with training and competition.

9.3 The Committee shall supervise medical service planning for the ITTF World Championships and advise on medical provisions for other ITTF-sanctioned events.

Article 10 – Anti-doping Functions

10.1 The Committee shall oversee the ITTF's anti-doping activity through the Anti-Doping Manager, ensuring compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code, ITTF Statutes and applicable International Standards.

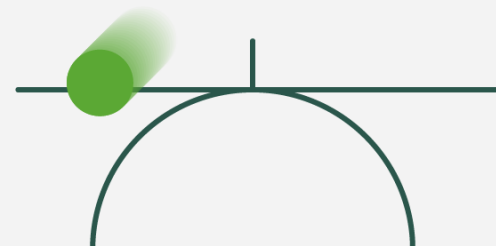
10.2 The Committee shall supervise anti-doping planning, quality assurance, implementation, education, testing processes, intelligence coordination and results management, in accordance with ITTF Statutes.

10.3 The Committee shall advise the Executive Board and Integrity Unit on anti-doping strategies, risks, and policy development.

Article 11 – Liaison and Cooperation

11.1 The Committee shall cooperate closely with the Equipment Committee, Umpires and Referees Committee, Rules Committee, Athletes Commission, and other relevant ITTF structures, including the Development and Education units.

11.2 The Committee shall provide scientific and medical expertise to support rule changes, technical developments, officiating standards and competition formats.



Article 12 – Directives, Guidelines, and Policy Proposals

12.1 The Committee shall draft health, safety, medical and scientific guidelines for approval by the Executive Board.

12.2 The Committee shall develop directives, technical papers, protocols and scientific recommendations to support ITTF policies.

12.3 The Committee may establish working groups in the fields of sports science, sports medicine, anti-doping, and other specialised domains for defined periods.

Article 13 – Meetings

13.1 The Committee shall meet at least four times per calendar year. One such meeting shall take place, where practicable, during the period surrounding the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with Article 1.71.3 of the Statutes.

13.2 Meetings may be held in person, virtually or in hybrid format. The Chair shall convene meetings with reasonable notice and preside over proceedings.

13.3 A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of voting members. Where quorum is not met, the meeting may proceed for discussion purposes only, without the adoption of recommendations.

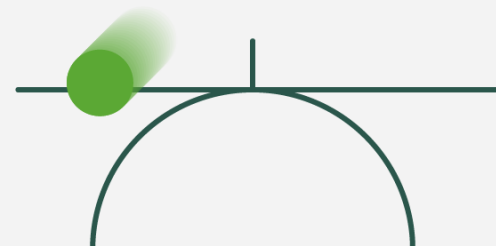
13.4 Written minutes shall be prepared by the Committee Secretary and approved by simple majority of the Committee Members. Minutes shall be circulated to all Committee members after each meeting for approval, and shared with the Executive Board and Council where appropriate.

Article 14 – Decision-Making by Correspondence

14.1 Where a written proposal is circulated by or on behalf of the Chair, any member who fails to provide a written opinion within the specified deadline shall be deemed to have endorsed any recommendation resulting from such proposal, in accordance with Article 1.71.6 of the Statutes.

Article 15 – Reporting

15.1 The Chair shall submit to the ITTF Council an annual report on the activities of the Committee, drawing attention to any recommendations it wishes to make.



15.2 Acceptance of such report shall not imply acceptance of any recommendation contained therein, unless expressly approved by the ITTF Council or AGM, as applicable.

15.3. The Chair shall submit an annual report of the committee's activities for inclusion in the ITTF Annual General Report.

Article 16 – Sub-Committees

16.1 The Committee may establish sub-committees composed of its members to address specific areas of work. Any report or recommendation originating from such sub-committees shall require endorsement by the full Committee prior to publication or submission to the AGM or the ITTF Council.

Article 17 – Inactivity and Removal

17.1 A member shall be considered inactive where, without valid reason, they fail to attend two consecutive meetings, attend fewer than half of the meetings held within any two-year period, or otherwise do not adequately fulfil their duties.

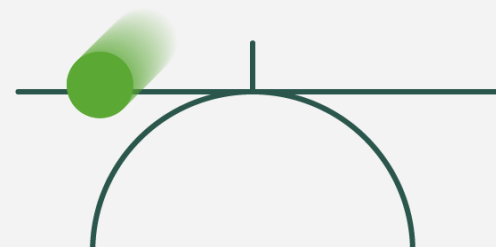
17.2 In cases of inactivity or failure to comply with these TOR, the Chair shall notify the member in writing and offer an opportunity to rectify the situation. Should inactivity persist, the Chair, in consultation with the Committee Secretary, may recommend removal to the Nominations Committee for consideration and, where applicable, recommendation to the AGM in accordance with the Statutes.

Article 18 – Conflicts of Interest

18.1 All members shall disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest. Any person connected with the manufacture, sale or endorsement of table tennis equipment, or who consults on such matters, may serve on the Committee but shall, upon request by a majority of members, withdraw from discussion or abstain from voting on affected issues.

18.2 All confidential information acquired through Committee work shall be treated as confidential and may not be disclosed without authorisation or unless required by law.

Article 19 – Limitation of Authority and Prohibition of Unauthorized Claims



19.1 No member of the Committee, including the Chair, the Deputy Chair, or any corresponding or full member, shall claim, assume, or exercise any role, power or responsibility that is not expressly conferred upon them by these Terms of Reference or by the ITTF Statutes.

19.2 Any authority not explicitly granted herein shall be deemed to be retained by the competent governance body of the ITTF as defined in the Statutes.

19.3 Any action undertaken by a member beyond the scope of the authority granted under these Terms of Reference or the Statutes shall be considered null and without effect unless subsequently ratified by the ITTF Council or the Executive Board, as applicable.

19.4 Where a member acts in excess of their authority or purports to extend their remit beyond what is expressly provided for, the Chair shall take appropriate action, including issuing a written warning. In the case of the Chair acting beyond their authority, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Board. Where appropriate, the matter may be referred to the Integrity Unit for review or further action.

19.5 Persistent or serious breaches of this provision shall constitute grounds for removal.

Article 20 – Amendment and Entry into Force

20.1 These Terms of Reference may only be amended by decision of the Executive Board.

20.2 They shall enter into force immediately upon adoption by the Executive Board.