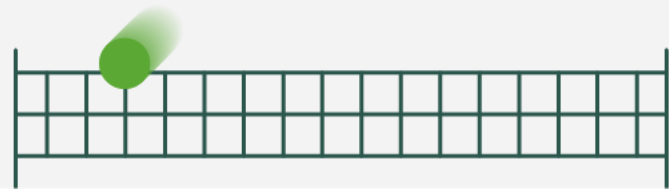




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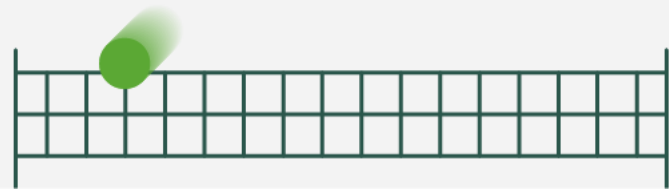


2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

The 2026 Annual General Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation will be held in London, UK, in a hybrid format on Sunday, 3rd May 2026, starting at 09h00 GMT+1 (Greenwich Mean Time +1).

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One hundred years ago, in December 1926, the first World Table Tennis Championships were held in London. The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) was born in that same city, in that same year, with a belief that this sport could bring people together.

As we gather in London for the ITTF Annual General Meeting, marking our institution's centenary, I look back on 2025 with pride, gratitude, and a clear sense of purpose.

There are years that test an institution. There are years that define it. 2025 was both.

Throughout, and to its great credit, table tennis did not stand still.

The Sport Kept Moving

The ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals returned to Doha, Qatar, 21 years after its historic first visit to the Middle East. Over nine days at the Lusail Sports Arena, players delivered competition of the highest order.

The Men's and Women's World Cups returned in Macao, reaffirming these events' place in our international calendar and their importance to our top players. The ITTF Mixed Team World Cup, now confirmed for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, continued to establish itself as one of the most exciting and inclusive formats in the sport. The WTT calendar continued to grow in reach and ambition, delivering four Grand Smashes for the first time in a single season. The ITTF World Youth Championships in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, showcased the extraordinary depth of our sport's next generation, with players from across the world challenging the traditional order. The ITTF Foundation reached a record-breaking 102,000 individuals through World Table Tennis Day celebrations held in 146 countries and territories, continuing to demonstrate that table tennis is a genuine force for good.

I sincerely thank all our hosts and supporters across the year for their dedication, commitment, and warm welcome to the global table tennis family.

Our development initiatives remained decisive in our commitment to grow table tennis worldwide. Development investment directed at Africa increased by 30% ahead of the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026. Through the ITTF Equipment Assistance Programme, 148 tables with nets, 130 surrounds, 1,500 rackets and over 20,000 balls were distributed to Member Associations in need. In just three years, ITTF development activities more than doubled, with over 13,000 participants now engaged in approximately 300 activities worldwide. These results are the product of a commitment made at the start of my first term.

As we enter our next 100 years, these achievements are not merely statistics. They are the foundations on which the next century will be built.

It is my greatest honour to be the President of the ITTF at such a milestone. My re-election in May carries with it a responsibility I take seriously.

The Executive Board elected in November will be my greatest support in fulfilling that mission: Deputy President Liu Guoliang, and Executive Vice Presidents Virginia Sung, Anthony Moore, Paul Calle, HRH Princess Zeina Rashid, Wahid Oshodi, Beatrice Romanescu, and Veli Ozan Cakir. This is the most diverse, gender-balanced, and youngest board ever elected to lead the

ITTF. It brings together the perspectives of every continent and a collective commitment to serve our 227 Member Associations. It reflects exactly the global family we are.

A New Era for the Olympic Movement

2025 also marked a turning point for the broader sports world. The election of Kirsty Coventry as IOC President, the first woman and the first African to hold that office, signals a new chapter in the Olympic Movement, defined by inclusion, representation, and a modern vision for sport's role in the world. I warmly congratulate President Coventry and look forward to building on the strong relationship between the ITTF and the IOC in this new era.

For table tennis within the Olympic Movement, progress has been real and measurable. The confirmation of the Mixed Team event for Los Angeles 2028 adds a sixth table tennis gold medal to the Olympic programme, the most of any racket sport. Our engagement with the IOC's Fit for the Future process continues to advance our sport's standing, and the ITTF remains active across IOC commissions, fully committed to contributing to the movement's evolution.

Building the Right Structure for the Future

In 2025, we collectively took decisions that will shape the federation's next decades.

You, the members, mandated a new constitution, and we have delivered on that commitment. The process has been inclusive and participatory throughout. This is your constitution, shaped by your input, and designed to serve you and the generations that follow.

In the administration, I made changes to position the ITTF for its coming missions. Steve Dainton transitioned to the role of WTT Chief Executive Officer, where his full focus will drive the commercial growth of our professional circuit. Raul Calin, who served the ITTF for 21 years with exceptional dedication, completed his tenure with the federation. I thank both sincerely for what they built.

Stefan Bergh has been appointed as the new ITTF Secretary General, the most senior staff executive of the administration, and a dedicated Member Associations Department was created for one purpose: to ensure that the ITTF's global momentum creates real, equitable opportunities at the local level, for every Member Association, everywhere.

These are the deliberate steps of a federation preparing itself, structurally, commercially, and constitutionally, for the next 100 years.

Our Centenary is Here

This is what I see when I look back on 2025, and I feel a sense of achievement, pride, and deep gratitude towards each and every one of you.

I will not dwell on the difficulties of 2025, but I will not pretend they did not exist.

What followed last year's AGM suspension was a period of uncertainty that tested the resilience and trust of our membership. I want to thank you sincerely for that trust.

The process that unfolded was, ultimately, a testament to the strength of our institutions.

The ITTF Tribunal, acting independently and with rigour, dismissed in full the appeals that sought to challenge the validity of the AGM and of my re-election as President. The Tribunal confirmed that the meeting was properly convened, regularly governed, and fully compliant with the ITTF Statutes and Swiss law.

The continuation of the AGM took place on 15 November, and our federation emerged from that process with its democratic integrity intact.

In February 2026, the ITTF welcomed the withdrawal of the appeal filed with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). This chapter is now closed.

My priority since has been unambiguous: turn the page, deliver our 2026 programmes, and lead this federation with unity, professionalism, and a forward focus.

One hundred years after the first serve was struck, table tennis has returned home. Sixty-four men's and 64 women's teams are competing for global supremacy on the very soil where this federation was founded.

This moment belongs to all of us.

Table Tennis. For All. For Life. Forever!

Petra SÖRLING
ITTF President

ITTF DEPUTY PRESIDENT (LIU Guoliang)

Report to the AGM

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Meetings attended:

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#1: February 11th, 2025

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#2: May 21st, 2025

ITTF Continental Council Meeting#1: May 21st, 2025

2025 ITTF Council Meeting: May 26th , 2025

ITTF Summit: May 22nd- 26th, 2025

2025 ITTF Annual General Meeting: May 27th, 2025

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#3: August 18th, 2025

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#4: September 21st, 2025

2025 ITTF Annual General Meeting Continuation: November 15th, 2025

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#5: November 16th, 2025

ITTF Executive Board Meeting#6: December 8th, 2025

The year of 2025 marked a period of rapid development of table tennis sport. Through the joint effort by International Table Tennis Federation and world table tennis family, remarkable achievements have been made across all areas of work.

Over the past year, numerous ITTF-sanctioned events were successfully concluded, including a highly anticipated series of ITTF World Championships, World Youth Championships, Men's and Women's World Cup, and Mixed Team World Cup. In addition, multiple events and activities for Master, Para-table tennis and initiatives of World Health Festival were held smoothly, providing platforms for table tennis enthusiasts of all ages and physical abilities to showcase their talents. Moreover, the hosting cities for the World Championships for the next three years have been confirmed, laying a solid foundation of the stable development of the event. Through democratic procedures, the member associations elected a new ITTF Executive Board, which will guide the federation in its continued efforts to promote the growth of table tennis worldwide.

In recent years, ITTF has vigorously advanced the development of a comprehensive event structure at all levels, creating a global competition calendar that spans the entire year. This has not only built valuable platforms for exchange among athletes from different countries, promoting the collision and integration of techniques and tactics, but has also significantly enhanced the global influence of table tennis. It has propelled the sport into a broader market and deepened its reach within table tennis community and with enthusiasts around the world.

The enriched event calendar encompassed not only high-level elite senior competitions, but also extended to youth, para-table tennis, masters' tournaments, outdoor events, mass participation competitions, and various 'Table Tennis For Health' promotional activities. This truly achieved comprehensive coverage of all demographic and throughout the entire life-cycle. Simultaneously, ITTF and continental federations have actively carried out diverse forms of training programs and development initiatives, ranging from coaches, umpires education to grassroots promotion, continuously consolidating the foundation and fueling the global development of table tennis.

On the field of play, the players' relentless pursuit, etched with sweat, stands as a compelling expression of the sportsmanship. They are not only practitioners of the sport but also a crucial force in earning it respect and affection. It is the dual drive of a robust event structure and talent

cultivation that continually invigorates table tennis worldwide, attracting increasing attention and participation.

In 2025, under the continuing theme of diversity and inclusion, we celebrated World Table Tennis Day in more countries and regions, appealing more people to engage in this sport, share the joy and enjoying the health benefits the sport brings, thereby more effectively developing and promoting table tennis. Concurrently, through numerous events and activities, we have continuously fostered cooperation and cultural exchange in the table tennis community, organising educational activities including joint training, and coaching forum. Moving forward, the Chinese Table Tennis Association and myself will continue to contribute our expertise in high performance, sharing the experience in growing the sport in China and promoting its growth among the youth and the sustainable development of table tennis.

Particularly noteworthy is that, amid fierce competition and evaluation processes among numerous sports, the Mixed Team Table Tennis event, after rigorous selection and consideration, was officially included in the program for the upcoming Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. Additionally, Men's and Women's Doubles have returned to the Olympic program. This is a historic milestone for table tennis. These decisions have brought the number of table tennis events in the Olympic Games to an all-time high, not only demonstrating the extensive global influence and popularity, but also providing players from all nations with a broader, more equitable, diverse competitive stage. More players will have the opportunity to showcase their skills and talents on the Olympic stage, and the young generation is inspired to actively involve table tennis. Such adjustments further drive the professionalization of the sport, elevate its status within the international sports community, and deliver more spectacular viewing experiences for table tennis enthusiasts worldwide.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to ITTF President, Ms.Sörling. Her exceptional leadership and selfless dedication serve as an outstanding model, both internally for the ITTF Executive Board and all levels of the organization, and externally as an ambassador for the international image of the ITTF and table tennis. She continuously drives significant work to achieve excellent results, charting the course for the global development of our sport. I also warmly welcome our new colleagues on the Executive Board and Secretary General Mr. Bergh. I look forward to working side by side with all of you, with aligned commitment, contributing wisdom and strength to the innovation, sustainable development, and improvement of the governance system for table tennis. My heartfelt thanks also go to the Continental Federations and all Member Associations for their immense support. I am grateful to the entire team of the ITTF Group for their hard work, selfless dedication, and close collaboration over the past year.

In 2026, we will celebrate the centenary year of both the ITTF and the World Table Tennis Championships. The ITTF is steadily advancing key stages such as constitutional reform and organizational restructuring. Table tennis has never been as vibrant or full of potential as it is today. I look forward with great anticipation to working alongside our increasingly professional and diverse team, striving together for the sustainable global development of the sport we love, and continuing to contribute Chinese expertise to the world of table tennis.

LIU Guoliang
ITTF Deputy President

Introduction

Dear President, fellow Executive Board members, and distinguished delegates,

It is my privilege to present this report to the Annual General Meeting in my capacity as Vice President of Finance of the ITTF Executive Board. This report covers the period from January to March 2026 and outlines the key activities I have undertaken on behalf of the Federation during this time.

Upon assuming the EVP Finance role, my immediate priority was to gain a thorough understanding of the financial position of both ITTF and WTT. The work undertaken during this period has been focused on three principal areas: (1) a comprehensive review of the ITTF and WTT financial statements, including close collaboration with PwC as the Federation's external auditor throughout the audit process, (2) active involvement in discussions regarding new investment into WTT, including working with legal counsel on the structure and terms of the proposed investment, and (3) the conversion of a Value-in-Kind (VIK) investment commitment into a cash investment to improve WTT's cash flow position.

Financial Review of ITTF and WTT

During the first quarter of 2026, I conducted a detailed review of the FY2025 financial statements for both ITTF and the WTT Group. This review encompassed the profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, aged payables and receivables, intercompany positions, and cash flow adequacy.

As part of this work, I, along with the ITTF President and the CEO of WTT, have been working closely with PwC, the Federation's external auditor, throughout the audit process. This collaboration has included reviewing preliminary audit findings, discussing the adequacy of provisions and impairment assessments, and working to ensure that the financial statements will present a true and fair view of the Federation's financial position.

I should note that this review was conducted under challenging circumstances. The CFO of ITTF has departed the organization, which created significant difficulties in obtaining financial information and documentation in a timely manner. Despite this challenge, the new ITTF COO of ITTF has been extremely helpful and supportive throughout the process, stepping in to facilitate access to the records and data needed to complete this review. I wish to acknowledge and thank the ITTF COO for this assistance.

The review identified a number of areas that require the Board's continued attention. As your elected representatives, we have a responsibility to keep the membership informed about the financial health of the Federation. I wish to share the key findings with you in the spirit of transparency.

Transparency is a core principle of my approach as EVP Finance. The membership elects the Board to act in its interest, and the membership deserves to be kept informed. The findings summarized here are being actively addressed by the Board and management, and I am committed to reporting progress at every opportunity.

The key findings and areas of focus emerging from the financial review are as follows:

- The importance of ensuring that financial reporting across both ITTF and WTT reflects a true and fair view of the Federation's financial position, including appropriate provisioning and impairment assessments.
- The need to strengthen financial governance and ensure that the Board receives timely, transparent, and comprehensive financial information on a regular basis.
- The urgency of resolving outstanding prize money to athletes, which remains a priority for the Board.
- The requirement for a clear and sustainable financial plan for WTT that addresses both its current obligations and its path to long-term financial viability.

I wish to assure the delegates that these matters are being treated with the seriousness they deserve. The Board is actively engaged, and I am working closely with management and with PwC as the Federation's external auditor to ensure that appropriate steps are being taken.

New Investment Discussions

A portion of my work over the past three months has involved active participation in discussions regarding new investment into WTT. These discussions are being conducted in close coordination with the ITTF President, the Executive Board, and legal counsel.

The objective of the new investment is to provide WTT with the capital necessary to meet its current obligations and establish a sustainable financial foundation for the future. As EVP Finance, my role in these discussions has included:

- Reviewing the existing investment terms and Master Service Agreement, as well as the financial terms of the proposed new investment, to ensure they are updated and aligned with the best interests of ITTF and its Member Associations.
- Working with external legal advisers to assess the legal and governance implications of the proposed investment structure.
- Ensuring that any investment arrangement adequately addresses the intercompany financial positions between ITTF and WTT.

These discussions are ongoing. As they involve commercially sensitive terms and negotiations, I will provide a fuller update to the membership once the process has concluded. What I can confirm is that the Board is fully engaged in this process, and we are committed to reaching an outcome that protects the interests of the Federation and its 227 Member Associations.

Conversion of VIK Investment to Cash

One of the concrete outcomes of the work undertaken during this period has been the conversion of a Value-in-Kind (VIK) investment commitment into a cash investment. VIK contributions, while valuable, do not directly address cash flow requirements or the ability to meet financial obligations such as payables and athlete prize money.

The ITTF President, the management team, and I worked together with the relevant parties to restructure this commitment so that it would be received as a cash investment rather than in-kind services. This conversion is significant because it directly improves WTT's cash flow position and its ability to meet its obligations to creditors and athletes.

Priorities Going Forward

Looking ahead, my priorities as EVP Finance for the coming period are as follows:

- Establish robust financial procedures and internal controls across both ITTF and WTT to ensure sound financial governance going forward. This includes clear reporting lines, timely financial reporting, proper provisioning practices, and accountability at every level.
- Support the completion of the new investment process, including all necessary legal and governance approvals.
- Advocate for the prompt resolution of all outstanding athlete obligations, which I consider to be both a financial and a moral imperative for the Federation.
- Establish a framework for quarterly financial reporting to the Board, so that the Executive Board and the broader membership can be kept informed of the Federation's financial health on an ongoing basis.
- Ensure that WTT has a credible restructuring plan with a clear path to becoming financially viable.

Closing Remarks

The financial challenges facing WTT and, by extension, the broader ITTF Group are significant, and they are urgent. The work undertaken over the past three months has given the Board a clear and honest picture of where we stand. It is now critical that we take the right course of action — decisively and without delay — to protect the long-term health of the Federation and the interests of our Member Associations.

I want to emphasize that transparency and accountability are the guiding principles of my approach as EVP Finance. The Federation's 227 Member Associations deserve to know that their interests are being protected, and I am committed to ensuring that the financial governance of ITTF and WTT meets the highest standards.

I thank the delegates for their confidence and look forward to reporting further progress at the next opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia SUNG

ITTF Executive Vice-President Finance

I am delighted to present my report to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and to our Member Associations.

As a new Board we have met three-(3) times since our election in November 2025. Having been fortunate to be on a number of boards in my professional career, I am both pleased and impressed with how quickly our group has come together. Member Associations should know that this is a Board that tests and challenges ideas and proposals. It is a Board that embraces positive debate. It is a Board that clearly focusses on the best interests of table tennis and the best interests of Member Associations.

We have much to do as an Executive Board and the reform agenda of constitutional change provides a unique opportunity in this our Centenary Year to advance our sport.

It remains an honour to contribute to this advancement.

Upon election, I was pleased to accept the portfolio responsibilities of Integrity and Safe Sport, Innovation and e-Sports, and the Continental Council.

ITTF REPRESENTATION

Since November 2025, I had the pleasure to represent the ITTF Executive Board at the ITTF Oceania Cup event in Christchurch New Zealand. The ITTF Oceania budget is insufficient for me to attend in my role as Continental Federation President, and as such I was most appreciative of the opportunity to attend the event.

I also attended the ITTF World Para Futures event on the Gold Coast in Queensland. The event was run by Table Tennis Australia and well supported by government agencies. With 10 nations and nearly 100 competitors the event laid a solid foundation for future para table tennis events in Australia. For the benefit of ITT Members, the Gold Coast is a one hour drive from Brisbane, the home of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. I have no doubt that the Gold Coast could be a future home to a Para Table Tennis World Championships in the near future.

INTEGRITY

As Graham Symons, former ITTF Executive Board member, reported to last year's AGM, ITTF's anti-doping functions, including event-based education, continue to be outsourced mainly to the International Testing Agency (ITA). This arrangement was been extended for another four years in 2025.

Integrity remained a major area of focus for the ITTF during 2025, a year heavily influenced by the elections and AGM. The Integrity Unit and Integrity Board were engaged in significant governance-related activity, including integrity support to the Nominations Committee and the commencement of a major independent investigation arising from AGM-related events. Alongside this work, the integrity function continued to manage its broader mandate across ethics, safe sport, betting integrity and education, operating within an increasingly complex and high-profile environment.

Enric Ripoll, Chair of the ITTF Integrity Board, has provided a comprehensive update in his report.

BETTING INTEGRITY & MATCH MANIPULATION

Betting integrity and match manipulation continued to represent a key risk area for table tennis. During the year, the Integrity Unit dealt with an increased flow of intelligence and reports concerning suspicious betting activity, including matters requiring complex and resource-intensive investigations. Engagement with international stakeholders and event-related integrity activity remained an important component of managing these risks and protecting the integrity of competition.

SAFE SPORT

Safe Sport matters continued to form an important part of the Integrity Unit's work during 2025. The year involved the management of serious allegations as well as ongoing casework aimed at safeguarding participants at international events. Safe Sport remains a core integrity priority, requiring careful investigation, appropriate disciplinary processes and continued emphasis on prevention and education.

ETHICS

Ethics-related matters again represented a substantial portion of the Integrity Unit's caseload. Complaints ranged from serious allegations of misconduct to lower-level interpersonal disputes, highlighting the breadth of issues addressed under the ethics framework. The continued volume and diversity of matters reinforced the importance of proportionate case management and efficient resolution processes.

REVIEW OF REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The review of the ITTF integrity regulatory framework remained an ongoing priority.

The Integrity Board has noted that integrity regulations have evolved over time across different instruments, resulting in areas of inconsistency and complexity. Addressing these issues is viewed as important to ensure clarity, coherence and effective application of integrity rules across the ITTF.

RESOURCES

Resource constraints continued to be a challenge for the integrity function throughout 2025.

While the scope and complexity of integrity-related work expanded, available resources remained limited, placing sustained pressure on the Integrity Unit. The Integrity Board has emphasised that addressing resourcing, alongside a shift toward a stronger education- and prevention-led approach, will be critical for the effectiveness and sustainability of the integrity function in the new Executive Board cycle

INNOVATION and ESPORTS

While there is no update on these two-(2) portfolios I look forward to contributing to these areas in the remainder of 2026.

Anthony MOORE

ITTF Executive Vice-President

This report is structured in two periods: January to November under the leadership of Dr. Alaa Meshref, and December under the leadership of Paúl Calle. It outlines the key activities, responsibilities, and achievements related to sports development and education during 2025.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- Development and Education

Meetings and Representation

- Executive Board (EB) meeting in Chengdu in December 2025 (in-person)
- Considering area of my responsibility, the meeting with ITTF Sports Development was held, during which I was briefed on the overview and key highlights of the 2025 ITTF Sports Development activities, as well as the objectives, plans, and proposed budget related to the Development Objective of the MCA in 2026. I was also informed that meetings with Continental Leaderships were scheduled at the beginning of February to present proposals for 2026 Continental Development Programs and their respective budgets. In addition, an update on the progress in the crucial educational area was presented.

Sports Development

Under the leadership of the ITTF Sports Development Director, Mikael Andersson, the year saw important progress across several development areas. Starting with the revision of the ITTF Categorisation system, the ITTF reinforced its commitment to supporting Member Associations through tailored development pathways, data-driven planning, and stronger alignment with the ITTF's global strategy.

The Equipment Assistance Program gained renewed momentum with 26 equipment packages delivered in 2025, supported by strong partnerships with equipment manufacturers and logistics providers. Long-anticipated school projects were launched in Africa and the Americas, with plans for global expansion in 2026.

Participation Programs benefited 113 Member Associations, while athlete development pathways were strengthened through the Hopes Program and ITTF Youth Grants, supporting young athletes' training and international exposure. While building on this foundation, high-performance initiatives - including With the Future in Mind (WFiM) Scholarships, Continental and World Hopes Week & Challenge, and Hopes Team and Global Training Camps, further strengthened the pathway from talent identification to elite performance.

Investment in capacity building projects remained a priority through continued support for coaches, match officials, with the pilot initiative for International Umpires and technical officials, alongside targeted programs advancing Women's Table Tennis and Para Table Tennis.

Further progress has been made in the development of a Child Elite Athlete Framework in collaboration with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), alongside a fruitful and committed partnership with Olympic Solidarity in delivering its development programs.

Education

During the year 2025, the ITTF Sports Development team presented several options on how to boost ITTF Education. Discussions are ongoing and progressing on the topic of a future ITTF Coach Certification and Licensing Model to be fully implemented in the year 2028. Work in Progress include third party partnerships primarily to handle the workflow of existing coaching education modules and the registration process – today done manually. It remains important to follow through on this work and to make ITTF Education future ready. Coaches and Match officials training is the very foundation, not only for the ITTF membership growth, but also for our sport to gain recognition within the Olympic movement. One true educational highlight of the year was the launch of the unique and innovative Young Umpires Project. I would like to congratulate all staff involved and send a huge thank you to the Umpires and Referee committee for excellent cooperation and assistance.

One of the key project novelties in 2025 was the first-ever ITTF–CONSUTEME Circle 8 initiative hosted in Paraguay, offering South American young players high-level training combined with intensive mixed-team competition. The project created additional and accessible development opportunities across the region, particularly for female players, reinforcing ITTF's commitment to expanding participation and strengthening regional development pathways.

Continued collaboration between the ITTF, Continental Federations, and Member Associations will be key to expanding development opportunities worldwide and strengthening regional initiatives that support the next generation of athletes.

Closing Remarks

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the ITTF President, Executive Board members, the Sports Development team, and all Member Associations for their continued collaboration and commitment throughout 2025.

The progress achieved in development and education initiatives reflects the collective effort to strengthen table tennis at all levels. Continued investment in athlete pathways, coaching education, and grassroots participation will remain essential to ensuring sustainable growth and broader opportunities for the global table tennis community.

I look forward to continuing this work together in the coming years as we further expand development programs and support the next generation of players, coaches, and officials worldwide.

Paúl Esteban CALLE

ITTF Executive Vice-President

It is with a sense of optimism and responsibility that I present my first report as Executive Vice President, covering the period from November 2025 to March 2026. In these initial months, my focus has been on better understanding the general landscape and the intricacies of my allocated portfolios to best contribute to the strategic direction of our federation.

My responsibilities are centred around three portfolios: the Athletes Commission, the Entourage Commission, and Health and Wellbeing. In this capacity, I have engaged in several activities to advance our objectives. I have met with the Director of the ITTF Foundation and established a regular feedback mechanism. This will specifically focus on developing the table tennis for health strategy, with a special focus on the upcoming World Table Tennis for Health Festival to be held in Shanghai later this year.

I have met with the Athletes Commission representatives on the ITTF Executive Board and provided feedback to the updated Terms of Reference for the Athletes Commission, enabling the voices of our athletes to be at the centre of our decision-making processes.

To institutionalize and strengthen the work of the Entourage Commission, I have held discussions with the Commission Chair and ITTF Development Director. These conversations have culminated in a drafted Terms of Reference, which will be proposed to the commission later this month and the Executive Board thereafter. This is a step towards providing a clear framework for the commission's vital work in supporting our athletes.

Furthermore, I have reviewed and provided written feedback on the new Centennial Constitution as part of the ongoing governance review process.

During this reporting period, I attended the first online meeting of the new board, the subsequent meeting in Chengdu which I attended remotely, and the in-person meeting held in Singapore during the Singapore Smash in February 2026.

As we move forward, I believe we have an opportunity to enhance the engagement of our membership and intensify our development efforts in a manner that is equitable across all continents.

It is my view that we should continue to assess the dynamics within the ITTF group to foster a more cohesive and complementary organization, ensuring that all engines are working in harmony to drive our sport forward. To support this direction, I have engaged with many stakeholders and will continue to do so.

H.R.H. Princess Zeina RASHID

ITTF Executive Vice-President

This report covers my work as an ITTF Executive Vice President in the year 2025 with oversight for matters touching upon Governance, Communications and the World Ranking. This is in addition to the general duties of all EVPs within the ITTF Executive Board (EB) and other assigned representative duties by the, ITTF President. Our tasks require our attendance at various virtual and physical meeting with management and other external organizations.

Some of our work necessitates working with my colleagues to advance our projects as there are usually overlaps with the portfolio of other Executive Board members, and we have in certain cases worked together to advance these projects.

These are the key projects for governance matters in the relevant period:

1. Reviewing governance issues in various Member Associations and taking appropriate actions in accordance with the ITTF Statutes.
2. Continuous review of pathway for athletes affiliated with the Table Tennis Federations of Belarus and Russia to compete as neutral athletes, in accordance with the ever changing IOC guidelines and the ITTF Statutes.
3. Continuously working to strengthen our safeguards against match manipulation and other breaches of rules in our sport.
4. Completing self-assessment for ASOIF's International Federation Governance Review in tandem with the Secretary.
5. Reviewing of submitted propositions and resolutions for the 2025 ITTF AGM and Council meetings held in Doha, Qatar.
6. Working with the Nominations Committee in setting necessary criteria for eligibility for election and selection of persons to the various ITTF organs
7. Dealing with issues arising out of appeals made by a Member Association to the Eligibility Commission.

Ensuring that we regularly review the Constitution and Rules that affect the ITTF Group and likewise continue to encourage our Continental Federations and Member Associations to do the same.

GOVERNANCE

1. Introduction: Institutional Stewardship in a Complex Year

The 2025 reporting period has been marked by institutional complexity, constitutional reform, expanded global competition from other sport and record communications growth.

As Executive Vice President responsible for Governance, Communications, and World Ranking oversight, my focus has remained clear:

- i. Work to help strengthen institutional integrity
- ii. Supporting Member Associations on various issues
- iii. Work towards modernization of internal governance structures
- iv. Protecting procedural legitimacy
- v. Elevating ITTF's global narrative

This report reflects not only activity, but institutional responsibility.

1.2 Governance Oversight & Institutional Stability

1.2.1 Member Association Advisory & Intervention

During the reporting period, governance advisory support was provided via the ITTF Governance Manager to Member Associations including **Fiji, Malta, Moldova, and Syria**, among others.

These engagements addressed:

- i. Constitutional interpretation
- ii. Eligibility compliance
- iii. Internal governance disputes
- iv. Restoration of procedural order
- v. Strengthening statutory alignment with ITTF frameworks

Each case required calibrated intervention — balancing respect for autonomy with the duty to uphold federation standards.

The objective in every instance was institutional stability and advancement of the Member Association to enable player development all grounded in legality.

1.2.2 2025 AGM Disruption & Continuation

A significant governance responsibility during the year arose from the disruption of the 2025 Annual General Meeting in May and its continuation in November.

Legal and governance advisory support was provided to ensure:

- i. Correct statutory interpretation
- ii. Procedural integrity
- iii. Transparency in corrective measures
- iv. Alignment with constitutional provisions

This period required disciplined governance and measured communication to safeguard ITTF's institutional credibility.

The priority was not optics — it was legality and legitimacy.

1.2.3 Centenary Constitutional Reform

2025 marked a pivotal phase in the Centenary Constitutional Reform process.

My contributions included:

- i. Supporting reform framework design
- ii. Advising on implementation architecture
- iii. Assisting stakeholder consultation mechanisms
- iv. Ensuring alignment with contemporary governance standards

This reform initiative positions ITTF for long-term structural resilience and modern governance alignment.

1.2.4 Institutional Governance Modernization

Additional governance work included:

- i. Advisory input on nomination and selection matters
- ii. Revision and modernization of Committee Terms of Reference
- iii. Strengthening internal policy coherence

- iv. Supporting procedures for the Athletes' Commission elections
- v. Advisory support for the Rules Committee

Collectively, these actions reinforce clarity, accountability, and institutional discipline within ITTF governance structures.

COMMUNICATIONS

2. Communications: From Reconstruction to Record Performance

2.1 Strategic Rebuilding (2022–2023 Foundation)

When responsibility for Communications was assumed in 2022, the department had one staff member and no defined structure.

The initial mandate was rebuilding:

- i. Establishing operational processes
- ii. Defining ITTF's distinct institutional voice
- iii. Reasserting brand independence post-WTT separation

By 2023, the function had moved from reconstruction to structured growth.

2.2 Strategic Evolution (2024)

The expanded events calendar and Olympic year enabled a shift from announcement-driven communications to a content-led, sport-first model.

The appointment of a dedicated Graphic Designer marked a structural turning point in brand consistency and visual coherence.

All core platforms recorded accelerated growth.

2.3 2025: Formalization of the “More, More, More” Strategy

2025 formalized the internal communications philosophy under three pillars:

More Sport: Elevating tactical and technical storytelling unique to ITTF.

More Engagement: Expanding in-house video, social storytelling, and athlete narratives.

More Data: Investing in monitoring tools, editorial analytics, and stakeholder database development.

The result: record-breaking digital performance.

2.4 Events & Content Leadership – 2025

2.4.1 World Cups & Championships

- i. Macao 2025 produced the most-watched YouTube Finals of the year.
- ii. Hugo Calderano's victory generated 2.5 million views.
- iii. Chengdu 2025 piloted AI-assisted player interpretation — an accessibility innovation.
- iv. Continental qualification pathways were given enhanced editorial prominence.

2.4.2 Para Table Tennis

2025 marked the first enhanced communications year of the World Para Circuit. Brand identity was formalized. Coverage expanded. Inclusion was prioritized — aligning with ITTF's values and IPC standards.

2.4.3 Youth & Emerging Audiences

The World Youth Championships 2025 saw the strategic relaunch of TikTok, with 84% organic discovery via “For You” distribution. Youth storytelling became a central editorial pillar.

2.5 Digital Performance – Record Metrics

2025 represents ITTF’s strongest digital year:

- i. 145+ million video views
- ii. 366,000 combined followers
- iii. Double-digit platform growth

2.6 Platform Growth 2025:

- i. Facebook: +46.6%
- ii. Instagram: +155%
- iii. YouTube: +66.6%
- iv. LinkedIn: +20.2%

2.7 Revenue performance 2025:

- i. YouTube: +76.4% year-on-year (\$23.9k)
- ii. Facebook monetization (launched Q4): \$2.6k
- iii. Total digital revenue: ~\$26.5k

While monetization currently benefits WTT, the performance demonstrates embedded commercial potential within ITTF-owned digital assets.

2.8 Brand Governance & Institutional Identity

A structured brand governance framework was introduced, including:

- i. Updated brand guidelines
- ii. New event identities (World Championships, Para Championships, Para Circuit, Youth, Esports, Hopes)
- iii. Refresh of the World Cup brand family
- iv. Internal brand governance checks

This work significantly enhanced ITTF’s institutional coherence and global presentation.

2.9 Governance & Communications Integration

Throughout 2025, governance and communications were deliberately aligned. Particularly during complex institutional moments — including AGM developments — communication strategy was coordinated with legal oversight to ensure:

- i. Accuracy
- ii. Stability
- iii. Reputational protection
- iv. Institutional trust

In modern sport governance, narrative discipline is risk management.

3. World Ranking Oversight

Chairing the World Ranking Group in the course of my duties enables me contribute oversight and advisory input in support of the Groups work

- i. Ranking system refinement
- ii. Technical clarity
- iii. Fairness and transparency
- iv. Alignment between able-bodied and Para systems

Maintaining ranking credibility remains essential to athlete trust and global confidence.

4. Closing Reflection

The 2025 reporting period reflects institutional maturity. Some notable changes are highlighted below:

- i. Governance has been strengthened.
- ii. Communications has evolved into a strategic asset.
- iii. Brand identity has been professionalized.
- iv. Digital reach has expanded.
- v. Reform processes are underway.

This work has required calm stewardship, disciplined oversight, and collaborative leadership. The Federation is moving in a stronger more coherent direction and consequently better positioned for the future.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I hereby acknowledge the support and trust of the ITTF President, Ms. Petra Sörling and my past and current colleagues on the Executive Board and those of all members of our working groups. I thank them for finding the time for our formal and informal meetings. I also wish to heartily thank all my colleagues and friends across all our member associations.

I extend my gratitude and appreciation to Steve Dainton and the outgoing ITTF Secretary General Raul Calin respectively, for their valuable time and work in advancing the work of the Executive Board.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the staff of the ITTF Group, with special regard to Dr. Andres Constantin, Javier Angulo and Tristan Lavier for providing the necessary support and backup to enable me progress my work and complete this Report. This report is a true mini compendium of their excellent service to ITTF.

Finally, I once again hereby commit to the work of advancing the growth of the ITTF Group.

Thank you.

Wahid Enitan OSHODI

ITTF Executive Vice-President

The ITTF concluded its 2025 Annual General Meeting on 15 November 2025, electing a new Executive Board for the period 2025-2029, under the leadership of President-elect Petra Sorling.

This report covers the period November 16 - December 31, 2025.

I began my term by attending the first ITTF Executive Board meeting on 16 November 2025, online. There was a welcome meeting in the new EB team, in which general issues regarding the future activity of this governing body were discussed.

The ITTF President confirmed my portfolio allocation following the second Executive Board meeting, held in Chengdu, China, on 8 December 2025, during the ITTF Mixed Team World Cup.

This includes the following: Marketing, Public Relations/Protocol, Equipment, ITTF 100 Years.

MARKETING

I am happy that all my work in the last 20 years in this field has been recognized by being awarded this portfolio that I care about very much. I will use all my experience to bring a new, different vision and to highlight the assets of the ITTF.

ITTF 100 YEARS

A rare opportunity for which I am grateful, to be contemporary with this anniversary and responsible for the activities that will mark the centenary of the ITTF.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PROTOCOL

I had discussions with Tristan Lavier, Head of Communications ITTF about the future strategy regarding the protocol, it is a topic that will target all relationships with officials, the ITTF family, award ceremonies, VIPs, guests, sponsors, investors and more.

EQUIPMENT

I will consider to what extent the department responsible for equipment can be connected with various marketing activities for a new repositioning

I will not end this brief report without once again thank you for electing me as ITTF Executive VP. I value your confidence and look forward to collaborating closely to support national associations, athletes, and coaches worldwide.

Today, I am honored to continue serving table tennis at the highest level. With a commitment to work for unity and cooperation both within the ITTF Executive Board and among all member associations, together we can continue building the future of our sport.

One Sport. One World. One Vision.

Beatrice ROMANESCU

ITTF Executive Vice-President

Areas of Responsibilities:

- Masters (Veterans)
- School Sports
- Sports Science

Introduction and Acknowledgements

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to ITTF President Ms. Petra Sörling for assigning me a portfolio that perfectly aligns with my professional career and expertise. I also extend my thanks to the committee members and my fellow Executive Board (EB) members for their continued support and collaboration.

Meetings and Events

- **16th November (Sunday) / Online:** 1st EB Meeting for introduction right after the continuation of AGM
- **8th December (Monday) / Chengdu:** 2nd EB Meeting and the last EB meeting for the Year 2025
- **23rd January 2026 (Friday) / Online:** EB Meeting
- **8th February 2026 (Sunday) / Montreux, Switzerland:** Europe Top 16 Tournament (Attended the Award Ceremony)
- **27th February 2026 (Friday) / Online (Singapore):** EB Meeting

Strategic Goals and Updates**Masters (Veterans)**

I am delighted to announce a great development for our veteran athletes: The World Team Table Tennis Championships for Veterans has been officially approved. This is a significant step forward in supporting the competitive spirit of table tennis at all ages. Veteran players are the true backbone of our global table tennis community, demonstrating lifelong dedication and passion.

In the upcoming period, we aim to not only increase the number of regional veteran events but also create platforms where our master players can share their invaluable experience to inspire younger generations.

School Sports

I will specifically focus on school sports with a strong emphasis on long-term sustainability. I am dedicated to developing practical and sustainable projects aimed at disadvantaged regions to make our sport more accessible.

To achieve this, I am pleased to share that we have already initiated negotiations and discussions with potential partners to secure the necessary funding and resources. Our goal is to create self-sustaining models that will make table tennis a permanent educational tool in schools, rather than just a temporary activity.

Sports Science

To closely follow and implement innovations in our field, a comprehensive "Racket Sports Science Conference" specifically related to racket sports is currently being planned. We are highly prioritizing high-tech sports science initiatives aimed at enhancing our athletes' performance and making their lives easier. In this context, we are focusing on a broader plan to globally integrate AI-supported biomechanics into table tennis. Our fundamental goal is to democratize data and sports science, ensuring that players and coaches at all levels have access to these advancements, which will significantly elevate the global standard of our sport.

Prof. Dr. Veli Ozan ÇAKIR

ITTF Executive Vice-President

1. Introduction

Throughout 2025, the Athletes' Commission (AC) continued its work to represent the voice of players within the ITTF ecosystem and to strengthen the dialogue between athletes, the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), and World Table Tennis (WTT).

The Commission remained focused on ensuring that athlete perspectives are reflected in discussions related to competition structures, tournament scheduling, officiating, equipment regulations, and the overall professional environment of the sport.

During the year, the AC engaged with athletes from different regions and levels of competition, gathering feedback and sharing insights with relevant ITTF stakeholders. The Commission also continued its efforts to strengthen athlete representation within the governance framework of table tennis, promoting open communication and constructive collaboration across the sport.

2. Key Discussions and Updates

2.1 Online Meetings and Athlete Consultations

During 2025, the Athletes' Commission held a number of online meetings and consultations with athletes and stakeholders to discuss matters affecting the global player community.

Key topics raised by athletes included:

- **Competition Calendar Planning:** The importance of early announcement of the international calendar to allow athletes to plan their training and travel schedules more effectively.
- **World Ranking System:** Continued dialogue on ranking point distribution and how it influences participation decisions.
- **Player Welfare:** Athletes highlighted the increasing demands of the international competition schedule and the need to balance performance, recovery, and travel requirements.

The feedback gathered during these discussions was communicated to ITTF and WTT leadership as part of ongoing efforts to improve the athlete experience.

2.2 Feedback on Major Events

Athletes expressed generally positive feedback regarding several major competitions held during the year. Many players highlighted improvements in event organisation, competition venues, and athlete services.

The continued development of events under WTT has contributed to raising the professional standard of international competitions and enhancing the global visibility of the sport. These improvements have been positively acknowledged by athletes across different regions.

2.3 Collaboration with ITTF Committees

During 2025, the Athletes' Commission also engaged in discussions with other ITTF bodies, including the ITTF Equipment Committee and the ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee (URC).

Exchanges with the Equipment Committee focused on equipment regulations and their impact on athletes, particularly with regard to consistency, fairness, and the practical implications of rule implementation during competitions.

Dialogue with the Umpires and Referees Committee addressed topics related to officiating standards, rule interpretations, and communication between athletes and officials. These discussions were constructive and aimed at strengthening mutual understanding while ensuring the integrity and fairness of competition.

The Athletes' Commission values this collaboration and believes that continued engagement between committees contributes positively to the development of the sport.

3. Positive Developments for Athletes

3.1 Continued Improvements in Event Organisation

WTT events continued to deliver high standards in competition organisation, athlete services, and broadcast presentation. These developments contribute significantly to the professionalisation of table tennis and create a more supportive environment for athletes.

3.2 Constructive Dialogue with Stakeholders

The Athletes' Commission maintained regular communication with ITTF and WTT representatives throughout the year. This dialogue has helped ensure that athlete perspectives are considered when reviewing regulations, competition formats, and operational matters affecting players.

3.3 Increased Athlete Engagement

Athletes from different regions have continued to actively share feedback and perspectives with the Commission. This engagement helps ensure that the Commission reflects a broad and diverse representation of the global athlete community.

4. Requests and Concerns from Athletes

4.1 Cost of Participation

Athletes continue to highlight the financial challenges associated with competing on the international circuit. Travel, accommodation, and hospitality requirements remain significant expenses, particularly for athletes without strong federation or sponsor support.

The Commission continues to advocate for measures that help reduce these financial burdens and support sustainable athlete participation.

4.2 Competition Calendar and Scheduling

Athletes have emphasised the importance of announcing the international competition calendar well in advance to allow proper planning of training cycles and participation schedules.

Avoiding overlaps between major events and ensuring sufficient recovery time between tournaments remain key considerations for athlete welfare.

4.3 Communication within the Athlete Community

The Athletes' Commission continues to explore ways to improve communication among athletes worldwide and to ensure that players are well informed about regulatory updates and developments within the sport.

Strengthening communication channels will help foster greater collaboration and engagement within the global table tennis community.

The Athletes' Commission remains committed to working collaboratively with ITTF, WTT, and all stakeholders to ensure that athletes remain at the centre of the sport's continued development.

Sharath Kamal ACHANTA and LIU Shiwen

Co-Chairs of the Athletes' Commission

The year 2025 marked the first full year of the new ITTF Africa Executive Committee led by my good self as President.

In that year, working with various ITTF departments we have introduced and implemented new programs and activities as shown below.

1. ITTF Africa Youth Cup

In a bid to increase the number of activities for our young talented players we created a new Cup event to be staged alongside the Africa Youth Championships. The inaugural edition was held in Lagos in August 2025 and is designed to support the already existing ITTF Africa Youth Championships as another tool for Youth development in Africa.

2. ITTF/ITTF Africa International Umpire Support Program

A new program designed to fast track the training and certification of young umpires in the continent by providing financial and logistics support for them to attend international events.

A total of 15 (fifteen) International Umpires from Africa are currently enrolled in this laudable program wherein their progression towards blue badge status is being fast tracked by their attendance at more events and expert mentoring and coaching

3. ITTF Competition Managers in training /Regional Competition Managers: -

In partnership with the ITTF Competition Department we have evolved a program similar to the above programme for umpires where young officials are being trained and mentored by senior ITTF Competition Managers who are passing on theoretical and practical experience as well as given them the chance to manage and oversight our Regional events on the Continent. We are building a good pool of well trained officials to manage our events.

In 2025, the new ITTF Strategic Quadrennial Agreement (SQA) became operational and was fully implemented in terms of the financial support to ITTF Africa and the development programs and activities contained in the Agreement.

B. GOVERNANCE

The appointment of a Special Adviser in the area of governance is to further ensure that we align with best practices as laid out by the International Olympic Committee and other organizations. We will ensure we work with our member associations. This will be a focus area for the coming year as our constitutional review committee will be reviewing our Constitution and aligning it with whatever changes are made to the ITTF Constitution at the forthcoming AGM.

C. 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

All the events listed in the 2025 ITTF Africa Calendar of Events which had been adopted and ratified at the 2024 ITTF Africa AGM in Ethiopia, were held successfully.

These are as follows:

- i. ITTF Africa Cup and Clubs Championships

These took place in Tunis, Tunisia – 22nd – 27th February, 2025.

- ii. ITTF Africa Youth Championships

The event was held in Lagos, Nigeria 27th July – 3rd August, 2025

- iii. ITTF Africa Youth Cup

A new event and the inaugural edition took place in Lagos, Nigeria 4th to 5th August, 2025

- iv. ITTF Africa Senior Championships

This took place in Tunis, Tunisia 12th – 19th, October, 2025

v. ITTF World Para Challenger & ITTF Africa Para Table Tennis Championships
The two events were held in Giza, Egypt. 15th to 23rd, November 2025

D. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Also, all the five (5) Regional Championships, which served as regional qualifiers for the Senior Championships, were held successfully.

- i. North Africa – Tunis, TUN 28th to 30th April, 2025
- ii. East Africa – Antananarivo, MAD 31st May to 3rd June, 2025
- iii. Central Africa – Brazzaville, CGO 27th to 29th June, 2025
- iv. South Africa – Windhoek, NAM 12th to 14th June, 2025
- v. West Africa – Lagos, NGR 16th to 19th, July, 2025

Other events held on the continent under the World Table Tennis Banner include the following:

- i. WTT Youth Contender & Youth Star Contender in Tunis, TUN from 13th to 19th January, 2025.
- ii. WTT Contender in Tunis, TUN, 22nd to 27th, April, 2025 and
- iii. WTT Contender in Lagos, NGR 22nd to 26th, July, 2025

In addition to the above, Table Tennis was featured in two African Multi Sport events that took place in 2025, namely:

- i. 1st African Schools Games held in Algeria
- ii. Africa Youth Games held in Luanda, Angola

ITTF Africa provided technical support for Table Tennis at both competitions

E. DEVELOPMENT & PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

An appreciable number of development activities were held in various Member Associations throughout the year 2025. Some of these include:

1. ITTF AFRICA Continental Hopes Week & Challenge held in Lagos, Nigeria 20th to 25th, July, 2025
2. Two ARE/AUT and BB Evaluations which were organized in Lagos, Nigeria and in Tunis, Tunisia.
3. My Gender, My Strength programs and activities all over the Continent.
4. Some Level 1 and Level 2 coaching programs

In addition, training and competition grants were provided to nominated and selected young players from Africa through the ITTF Youth Grants. We must salute the youngsters from Uganda, Madagascar, Algeria, Tunisia, South Africa and others who have now joined the top table of youth table tennis in Africa.

F. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The focus of the current ITTF Africa Executive Committee remains player support and development, coach education and availability of equipment for as many MAs as possible. I say a big thank you to our Executive Committee members.

In this regard, we are working closely with potential sponsors and partners to ensure we generate substantial funding to achieve these goals. We extend our thanks to our current partners VALUEJET, ETHIOPIAN AIRWAYS and STAG GLOBAL.

We appreciate the support of the ITTF through the 2025 SQA and particularly, the excellent partnership we are having between the ITTF Development Team led by Mikael ANDERSSON and our Executive Vice Presidents as we come up with new ideas and strategies to actualize our goals.

The support of the entire ITTF structure must be mentioned and we thank especially, ITTF President Ms. Petra SORLING, Steve Dainton (Chief Executive Officer WTT) and the outgoing ITTF Secretary-General Raul CALIN for their commitment to the growth and development of Table Tennis in Africa. A word of thanks must also go to Mr. Chris TAM.

This report would not be complete without mentioning our upcoming top class young male and female players from all Regions of the continent. This is the first time we are seeing such exquisite talent from a myriad of countries. We must give kudos to our member associations for the work they are doing.

It is a great honour to serve as President of ITTF Africa and I shall endeavour to continue to do all that is necessary to unite our member associations with a focus to improve participation in our sport across the continent while we also seek opportunities to assist our top level players in their quest for success.

Thank you.

Wahid Enitan OSHODI

Continental President: AFRICA

Sporting, Technical, and Institutional Results

The year 2025 represented a period of strategic consolidation and sustained growth for ITTF Americas, both in high performance and in the technical, officiating, and institutional strengthening of the region.

Management was oriented around several central pillars:

1. Sporting excellence and international positioning.
2. Organizational strengthening, competitions, and continental coordination.
3. Technical and officiating development.
4. International institutional representation.

1. SPORTING EXCELLENCE AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTION:

During 2025, the American continent maintained a stable and competitive presence in the elite of world table tennis, consolidating its position within the ITTF system and the WTT circuit.

High Performance – ITTF World Ranking

- Hugo Calderano (BRA) finished the year within the Top 5 of the ITTF World Ranking (currently No. 2), reaching final stages and podiums in WTT circuit tournaments (Star Contender and Contender), consolidating himself as the leading continental reference and one of the global leaders in table tennis.
- Kanak Jha (USA) remained within the Top 30 of the men's world ranking, reaffirming North America's sustained competitiveness.
- Adriana Díaz (PUR) finished the year within the Top 20 of the women's world ranking, with regular appearances in final draws of WTT tournaments and ITTF Championships.
- Bruna Takahashi (BRA) and Lily Zhang (USA) consolidated their presence within the Top 30 of the women's world ranking, positioning the American women's bloc as one of the strongest outside Asia and Europe.

These results confirm the maturity of the regional high-performance system and the impact of development programs implemented across the continent.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING, COMPETITIONS, AND CONTINENTAL COORDINATION:

Main Continental Events 2025:

During the year, the following official championships were organized and supervised:

- Pan American Cup 2025 – San Francisco, United States (February 18–23).
- Pan American U15 & U19 Championships – Rosario, Argentina (August 24–31).
- Pan American U11 & U13 Championships – Antigua, Guatemala (September 3–10), together with the ITTF Americas Hopes Week.
- Pan American Senior Championships – Rock Hill, United States (October 12–19).
- Pan American Masters Championships were rescheduled and successfully held in Asunción, Paraguay in February 2026, ensuring institutional continuity and competitive compliance.
- More than 20 regional tournaments were supervised across the four regions: North America, Central America, Caribbean, and South America.

- Technical support was provided for the II Junior Pan American Games – Asunción 2025, strengthening coordination with Panam Sports.
- The city of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) was selected as host of the 2029 World Championships, a strategic milestone that once again positions the Americas as host of the highest global event.

The region continues advancing with a vision of sustainable growth, continental integration, and sporting excellence.

3. TECHNICAL AND OFFICIATING DEVELOPMENT:

Technical and officiating strengthening was one of the structural pillars of 2025 management.

Training and Professionalization:

- Implementation of a comprehensive project for international umpires and local referees.
- Organization of multiple coaching courses across different regions of the continent.
- Delivery of the IR School (school for referees), which had not been held in the Americas since 2016.
- Conduct of ARE and AUT evaluations at Pan American Championships and regional events.
- Participation of international evaluators with support from the ITTF Development Department.
- Sustained increase in the number of active umpires with valid status in the region.

These actions made it possible to raise technical standards, ensure competitive transparency, and strengthen the continent's human capital.

4. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION:

Virginia Sung and Paúl Calle were selected as Vice Presidents of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

This appointment reflects their trajectory, leadership, and commitment to the global development of our sport, as well as a renewal by the ITTF of the strong relationship that has been consolidated with the authorities of ITTF Americas.

For the American continent, it is a source of institutional pride to have representatives with a solid strategic vision within global governance, who together with the entire ITTF Americas Executive Committee will continue working for the development of our beloved sport.

CONCLUSION

2025 was a year of competitive consolidation, technical strengthening, and international strategic positioning.

ITTF Americas continues to move forward with solid, results-oriented management focused on regional integration and global projection, laying strong foundations for the 2026–2028 cycle.

Juan VILA REINOSO

Continental President: Americas

As ATTU President, I am pleased to present the ATTU Report.

2025 has been a defining and highly successful first year of our new term. The ATTU not only met but exceeded the strategic objectives we set, demonstrating the strength of our renewed commitment to the table tennis community. We look forward to building on this momentum as we continue to work closely with our ATTU Executive Board members, Regional Vice Presidents, and Asian member associations to elevate the standard of table tennis across Asia and deliver the best possible outcomes

1. ITTF / ATTU Strategic Quadrennial Agreement (SQA):

In 2025, following the signing of the ITTF-ATTU/SQA, the ATTU (Asian Table Tennis Union) made significant advancements in promoting and developing table tennis across Asia. Throughout the year, ATTU remained actively engaged in cultivating the sport in all Asian regions. By collaborating closely with member associations, we provided valuable assistance and expert counsel on various matters. Committed to expanding regional activities, ATTU remained steadfast in its mission to strengthen the table tennis community throughout Asia.

2. ATTU Website:

In 2025, the ATTU (Asian Table Tennis Union) continued to align with the ITTF/SQA initiative by further enhancing our website, making it more engaging and dynamic than ever. As the premier platform for the most current updates on upcoming tournaments, player rankings, and coaching resources, the website's ongoing modernisation and improved functionality have greatly elevated the quality of information available to users across Asia and beyond.

3. ATTU Council Members Meeting:

This year, the Asian Table Tennis Union held its Council Meeting on the sidelines of the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals, with representatives from across Asia in attendance. The meeting proved to be a great success, allowing the ATTU and its members to discuss important topics and share innovative ideas in a productive and collaborative setting.

4. 27th ITTF-Asian Table Tennis Championships 2025

A major highlight of the 2025 calendar was the successful staging of the 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Team Table Tennis Championships, held in Bhubaneswar, India, from 11–15 October 2025. The event showcased the exceptional depth of talent across the continent, the championships also served as the Asian qualification event for the 2026 ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships in London, reinforcing the ATTU's commitment to delivering high-quality competitions that elevate the standard of table tennis across Asia

5. 29th Asian Youth championships 2025

Another significant milestone in the 2025 calendar was the successful staging of the 29th Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships, held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from 26 June to 2 July 2025. The event brought together the continent's most promising young talents, delivering high-level competition and fostering the next generation of table tennis stars. The championships underscored ATTU's continued dedication to youth development and expanding regional activities, further strengthening the table tennis community across Asia

6. 34th ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup 2025

The 2025 table tennis calendar commenced spectacularly with the successful hosting of the 34th ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup in Shenzhen, China, from 19–23 February. The event brought together 32 of the continent's top men and 32 elite women for intense competition, culminating in an all-China sweep of the medals. The Asian Cup also served as a direct qualification pathway for the Table Tennis World Cup. The tournament's flawless organisation and enthusiastic crowds set a vibrant tone for a momentous year in Asian table tennis

7. ATTU Future Events

Since the AGM was confirmed in 2024, several events have been scheduled in the Asian Table Tennis scene.

- 35th ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup in Haikou, China from 04-08 February 2026.
- 30th Asian Youth TT Championships in Muscat, Oman from 21-27 June 2026.
- 29th ITTF – Asian Table Tennis Championships 2026 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 19 – 25 October 2026.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the ITTF, ATTU member associations, and my colleagues for their unwavering support and contributions to the ATTU in 2025.

Khalil AL-MOHANNADI

Continental President: Asia

Membership

The total membership of the ETTU is, at present, 58 Associations.

Events and Competitions

During the year 2025, ETTU was able to organise all scheduled events:

2024-2025 ETTU Champions League men 1/4 Finals leg 1 – more locations 15-20.1.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Champions League women 1/4 Finals leg 1 – more locations 15-20.1.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup men R16 leg 1 – more locations 15-20.1.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup women R16 leg 1 – more locations 15-20.1.2025
2025 European Team Championships Stage 1 - Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina 21.-25.01.2025
2025 Joola Europe Youth Series Croatia Open – Osijek 5-9.2.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Champions League men 1/4 Finals leg 2 – more locations 14-16.2.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Champions League women 1/4 Finals leg 2 – more locations 14-28.2.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup men R16 leg 2 – more locations 14-16.2.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup women R16 leg 2 – more locations 14-21.2.2025
2025 CCB Europe Top 16 Cup - Montreux, Switzerland 20-23.02.2025
2025 Joola Europe Youth Series Türkiye Open - Nevsehir 19-23.3.2025
2025 National Championships recommended / protected date – various locations 21-23.03.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Champions League women 1/2 Finals leg 1 – more locations 28-30.3.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup men 1/4 Finals leg 1 – more locations 28.3-13.4.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup women 1/4 Finals leg 1 – more locations 28.3-12.4.2025
2025 Europe Trophy men and women Grand Finals – Herceg Novi, Montenegro, 4-6.4.2025
2025 Joola Europe Youth Series Bosnia Herzegovina Open - Ilijaš 16-20.04.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup men 1/4 Finals leg 2 – more locations 18-27.4.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Champions League women 1/2 Finals leg 2 – more locations 25-28.4.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup women 1/4 Finals leg 2 – more locations 26-27.4.2025
2025 European U21 Championships – Bratislava, Slovakia 7-11.5.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup men 1/2 Finals – more locations 28.5-6.6.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup women 1/2 Finals – more locations 28.5-9.6.2025
2025 ETTU Hylo Champions League men Final 4 – Saarbrücken, Germany 31.5-1.6.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Champions League women Final leg 1 – Berlin, Germany 5.6.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Champions League women Final leg 2 – Metz, France 12.6.2025
2025 European Veterans Championships – Novi Sad, Serbia 16-21.6.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup women Final leg 1 – Saint Denis, France 22.6.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup men Final leg 1 – Prague, Czechia 25.6.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup women Final leg 2 – Hodonin, Czechia 27.6.2025
2024-2025 ETTU Europe Cup men Final leg 2 – Havlíčkov Brod, Czechia 29.6.2025
2025 European Youth Championships - Ostrava, Czechia 11-20.7.2025
2025 Joola Europe Youth Series Latvia Open, Riga 24-28.8.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Champions League men and women stage 1 - Novi Sad, Serbia 29-31.8.2025
2025 European U13 Championships - Kosta, Sweden 24-28.9.2025
2025 Europe Youth Top-10 – Tours, France 3-5.10.2025
2025 European Team Championships Final Stage - Zadar, Croatia 12-19.10.2025

2025 Joola Europe Youth Series Czechia Open - Plzen 22-26.10.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Champions League women GS2 R1 – more locations 11-12.11.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Champions League men R16 leg 1 – more locations 11-16.11.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Europe Cup men stage 1 – Odorheiu, Romania 14-16.11.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Europe Cup women stage 1 – Linares, Spain 14-16.11.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Champions League women GS2 R2 – more locations 15-16.11.2025
2025 Joola Europe Youth Series Serbian Open - Beočin 26-30.11.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Champions League women GS2 R3 – more locations 16-17.12.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Champions League men R16 leg 2 – more locations 16-21.12.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Europe Cup men stage 2 – Lille, France 19-21.12.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Europe Cup women stage 2 – Lille, France 19-21.12.2025
2025-2026 ETTU Champions League women GS2 R4 – more locations 20-21.12.2025

Number of participants per event:

2025 European Team Championships (Final Stage + Stage 1) : MT – 40 teams, WT – 38 teams
2025 European U21 Championships – 112 players – 34 associations
2025 European Veterans Championships – 2563 players – 42 associations
2025 European Youth Championships – 564 players – 48 associations
2025 European U13 Championships – 154 players – 34 associations
2025 Europe Youth Top-10 – 40 players – 19 associations
2025 EYS – 6 events – 740 players – 38 associations- grow in comparison from 2024 participation : 27.15%

Club competitions season 2025/26 :

1. Men's Clubs Competitions: 61 clubs from 25 associations
2. Women's Clubs Competitions: 48 clubs from 18 associations
3. Total: 109 clubs from 27 associations

Development Activities

Development Activities The ETTU Development Programme was fully implemented in 2025, engaging 40 Member Associations (2 more than in 2024) in at least one development initiative across Europe. The programme continued to focus on youth performance, grassroots participation, education of coaches and officials, and strengthening the organisational capacity of Member Associations.

Within the Eurotalents and Continental Hopes pathway, ETTU organised three Eurotalents Selection Camps, the ITTF Continental Hopes Selection Camp, and three U13 Eurotalents Development Camps. These activities gathered young players and coaches from across Europe, providing high-level training environments and serving as the main identification pathway for future European talents.

Through the National Association Assistance Programme (NAAP), ETTU supported 15 development projects implemented by Member Associations, ranging from grassroots participation programmes in schools to national training camps, coach education initiatives, digital infrastructure projects, and para table tennis activities.

ETTU also continued to invest in umpire and match official development through advanced training activities, performance assessments at major European events, webinars, and educational courses. A total of 12 Member Associations participated in online umpiring courses,

while mentoring and development initiatives such as the Young Match Officials Project and dedicated programmes for female and young umpires were implemented.

A Para Table Tennis Development Camp was organised in Havířov, bringing together 19 players and 15 coaches, further strengthening the integration of para table tennis within the European development structure.

ETTU continued its Scholarship Programme, awarding 12 young players (U13–U15) with financial support to assist their training and competition preparation. In addition, the Eurospins ETTU–Korea Table Tennis Association Joint Training Camp held in Jeju, Korea, provided European youth players with an intensive international training and competition environment alongside Korean athletes.

In the area of coach education and gender equality, ETTU supported five female coaches through the *My Gender. My Strength.* programme and two coaches through the mentorship initiative *Stages for Coaches – Learn from the Best.* The ETTU Level 1 Coach Education programme was also launched, with 12 scholarships (8 full and 4 partial) granted to support the first intake of participants.

Finally, ETTU strengthened cooperation with the ITTF by supporting Member Associations' participation in the ITTF Participation Programme, with five associations implementing national or online development projects aligned with this framework.

2025 ETTU Congress

During the 2025 ETTU Congress in Zadar, new members were elected for the 3 vacant positions for the ETTU Board of Appeal, the ETTU Regulation was approved for the European Para Championships (inaugural ETTU edition in 2027), and the ETTU Constitution was updated.

Governance, Marketing and Commercial Initiatives

ETTU confirmed the inaugural edition of the women's Champions League Final 4 event. ETTU Athletes Commission was elected during the 2025 ETTC and 2025 Para TT ETTC.

ETTU's first Welfare Officer has been appointed.

ETTU was actively involved in an Erasmus+ project (GAP Women) with nine other sports associations, aiming to enhance female participation across all aspects of sports, including grassroots, coaching, umpiring, refereeing, and decision-making positions.

No data breach has been reported, and ETTU continues to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679.

Partnership with ETTU's main sponsor Liebherr renewed for the European Championships and Europe Top 16 Cup. Secured title sponsorship for the Champions League.

Over the past year, ETTU has significantly expanded its marketing and media activities, strengthening the global visibility of European table tennis.

The introduction of new digital strategies, supported by partnerships with Riddle and Pendular, played a key role in enhancing fan engagement. ETTU launched a "fan zone" on its website, produced live and post-match highlights, and expanded its presence on LinkedIn, YouTube, and

Douyin to reach new audiences worldwide. These efforts resulted in over 110 million views across all platforms and 80,000 new followers gained throughout the year.

Media production and broadcast coverage across ETTU events have also increased substantially. According to official data provided by Intelligent Research in Sponsoring GmbH (IRIS), overall broadcast reach grew by 136% for the Europe Top 16 Cup and by 389% for the European Championships.

Overall, these initiatives have raised the visibility of ETTU competitions, strengthened fan engagement worldwide, increased the sport's commercial value, and supported investment in European table tennis.

Sustainability measures introduced at the future event's tenders as obligatory requirements.

Staff

Carla Fernandez (Digital Content Manager) and Chiara Colantoni (Marketing Assistant) have been contracted at the beginning of 2025.

Other activities

At the beginning of the year, the ETTU organised its second edition of the "ETTU Working Week", involving all staff, Committee Chair, and EB members in setting the standards and goals for the year. The Committee Chairs presented to the Executive Board their strategic committee plans. The ETTU EB met on 13 occasions from January to December 2025. The EB adopted the budget for 2026 and submitted the approval of the 2024 Financial Statements to the Annual Congress held in Zadar in October 2025.

All ETTU EB members worked together, and with a dedication to improving ETTU's performance and implementing changes for the benefit of European Table Tennis.

A special thank you to all ETTU staff for their dedication and loyalty towards ETTU.

Pedro MOURA

Continental President: Europe

2025 will be remembered as a year that ITTF-Oceania significantly increased our operations, achievements and engagement with our Member Associations (MAs) and all key stakeholders.

Governance

2025 was the first year of our 2025-2028 Strategic Quadrennial Agreement with ITTF, which underpins our operations.

2025 was the first year of our 2025-2028 Strategic Plan.

For the first time in eight years, the Oceania family met together in person when we held our AGM and a Special General Meeting at the same time as the ITTF Summit in Qatar in May. For the first time in our 48-year history, people from all 24 Oceania MAs were present, either in person or by proxy. Significantly, a new and modern ITTF-Oceania Constitution was unanimously approved by our MAs. The unity and togetherness demonstrated by the Oceania family highlighted our willingness to work together for the greater good.

Mr. Anthony Ho (Fiji) was posthumously awarded ITTF-Oceania Honorary Life Membership, recognising his outstanding contribution to table tennis in Fiji, Oceania and internationally over many decades.

A record 21 Oceania MAs participated at the ITTF Summit in Qatar, ensuring that Oceania had a voice on the global stage and our views contributed to global outcomes.

Mr. Graham Symons from Australia finished his term as an ITTF Executive Vice President. We thank Graham for his service and for providing a steady hand under at times difficult circumstances.

ITTF-Oceania submitted a considered proposal for the ITTF Constitutional Reform process, highlighting our willingness to contribute to this crucial piece of work.

ITTF-Oceania conducted all operations within the Board approved 2025 budget.

All 24 MAs engaged with ITTF-Oceania in some capacity throughout the year.

I had the great pleasure of being elected as an ITTF Executive Vice President and I look forward to contributing to the ITTF Executive Board.

Events and High Performance

A full event calendar was implemented, comprising:

- 2025 ITTF-Oceania Cup in Australia, hosted by ITTF-Oceania.
- 2025 ITTF-Oceania Championships including the 2025 ITTF-Oceania Regional Championships in New Zealand, hosted by ITTF-Oceania.

- 2025 ITTF-Oceania Youth Championships including the 2025 ITTF-Oceania Regional Youth Championships in New Zealand, hosted by ITTF-Oceania.
- 2025 Pacific Mini Games in Palau, hosted by the Pacific Games Council.
- 2025 ITTF-Oceania Hopes Week in New Caledonia, hosted by Ligue Caledonienne de Tennis de Table.
- 2025 ITTF-Oceania Para Championships in New Zealand, hosted by Table Tennis New Zealand.

We worked closely and collaboratively with the ITTF Events Department to improve the standard of events in Oceania, with the following improvements realised compared to 2024:

- The quality of presentation significantly lifted.
- More MAs and more players competed in both male and female events, with nearly 300 players from 15 MAs participating.
- 12 MAs won at least one medal at our events.
- New events were implemented to increase opportunities for developing MAs.
- All Event Regulations were updated to further improve events in 2026.

New Zealand's rising star, Lucas Alexandre, continued the recent trend of Oceania players winning medals at the ITTF World Hopes Week when he claimed bronze in Boy's Singles event. Multiple players continued to be supported through ITTF scholarships and other funding opportunities.

Our 2026 ITTF-Oceania Events Calendar was published in August 2025, providing maximum time for our MAs to organise their players and finances to further increase participation.

Participation and Development

After a hiatus of nearly 10 years, 2025 saw the return of the Oceania Development Program.

Two new Oceania Development Officers, Hongbo Liang and Ocean Belrose, commenced in February 2025 and were instrumental in embedding the Oceania Development Program as a cornerstone of Oceania operations.

Throughout 2025, the following achievements were realised through the Oceania Development Program:

- 15 in-country visits were held in 13 MAs: Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga.
- More than 1,500 people, including 39% females, participated in our programs and activities.
- The Oceania Talent Team was relaunched through a partnership with PacificAus Sports, with athletes from 6 MAs attending a training camp and competing at the 2025 Auckland Open.
- Through a partnership with PacificAus Sports, 6 athletes were supported to participate at the 2025 ITTF-Oceania Para Championships.
- Equipment was provided in 12 MAs.

- Coaching courses were conducted in 2 MAs.
- 6 Officiating courses in 3 MAs were conducted, with 49 new Officials accredited.
- School visits were conducted in 7 MAs.
- Training camps were conducted in 9 MAs.
- Competitions were conducted in 6 MAs.

Our award-winning Smash Down Barriers Program continued under the guidance of Program Manager, Cherry Harvey, with ongoing programs running in Fiji, Solomon Islands and Tonga. These programs are fully funded by the Australian Government through its Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade and continue to serve the region well, in particular when working with people with disabilities, women and girls and other disadvantaged groups.

Acknowledgement

ITTF-Oceania offers sincere thanks to ITTF under the leadership of President Petra Söring, outgoing CEO Steve Dainton, outgoing Secretary General Raul Calin, Director of Sports Development Mikael Andersson and Event Director Bart Vermoesen. Our partnership with ITTF enables us to function effectively and we are appreciative that ITTF support our vision for Oceania's future.

ITTF-Oceania acknowledges and appreciates our strong working relationship with the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC), the Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO) and the Pacific Games Council (PGC). We always endeavour to play our role in using sport as a vehicle for good and for the benefit of the people throughout Oceania.

Praise must be given to our 24 Member Associations and the army of volunteers and staff members who keep everything running at national level. Your dedication, unity and support are both acknowledged and appreciated.

Thank you also to our partners, the Australian Government and PacificAus Sports, whose support enables us to create tangible outcomes that would otherwise not be possible.

Of course, thanks must go to our players, coaches, officials and volunteers. The game of table tennis is for you, and we never lose sight of this.

Finally, thank you to the ITTF-Oceania Board and the ITTF-Oceania staff. Having highly qualified and highly skilled people in the right seats ensures that table tennis in Oceania will continue its upward trajectory. We appreciate the time and effort provided by all.

We look forward to all that 2026 holds for table tennis globally as we continue this fabulous momentum we are all enjoying.

Anthony MOORE

Continental President: Oceania

Year in Review – 2025

2025 was a complex, challenging yet defining year, marked by strength across our ecosystem as we powered through the delivery of multiple ITTF events, the first full WTT Series calendar, and recording key social impact through the ITTF Foundation. Alongside this, the ITTF's global development programs continued to expand participation and strengthen pathways for players, coaches, and officials across more than 100 member associations. From the spectacular World Championships Finals in Doha and the continued evolution of youth and para pathways, to WTT's expansion into new markets, the sport demonstrated growing global relevance and commercial momentum.

Despite the known challenges and instability across 2025, resilience, unity and ambition were clearly represented — building strong foundations as we advance towards the Centenary and an exciting 2026.

Events For All

The momentum of table tennis events across all categories remained strong throughout 2025, reflecting both the depth of our competition structure and the growing global appetite for table tennis at every level.

The year's pinnacle event, the World Table Tennis Championships Finals in Doha, brought together the world's best athletes in front of thousands of travelling fans from around the world. The Championships once again demonstrated the global reach of our sport and the ability of our premier events to deliver world-class competition and spectacle.

At the youth level, the World Youth Table Tennis Championships in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, reaffirmed the importance of structured development platforms for emerging talent. As a key milestone within the high-performance pathway, the event provided invaluable international exposure and experience for the next generation of table tennis stars.

In the realm of Para Table Tennis, 2025 marked the reimagining of the ITTF World Para Circuit, with a refreshed identity and enhanced event presentation. This evolution creates greater visibility, stronger positioning, and expanded competitive opportunities for para-athletes worldwide — reinforcing our commitment to inclusivity and to elevating the legacy of para table tennis on a truly global stage.

The World Cups continued to shine, with Macao, China again hosting a wonderful Men's and Women's World Cup, bringing us a champion from a continent for the first time in history with Hugo Calderano from Brazil winning the Men's title. The ITTF Mixed Team World Cup in Chengdu carried additional strategic significance. With the Mixed Team event now confirmed for the Olympic programme at the Los Angeles 2028 Games, this competition serves as a critical testing ground for teams preparing for the format's historic Olympic debut. The event continues to highlight the strategic depth, gender balance, and modern appeal of table tennis, while aligning closely with our long-term Olympic vision.

Across all categories — senior, youth, and para, 2025 demonstrated the strength and cohesion of the ecosystem. Our commitment remains clear: to provide meaningful, aspirational, and inclusive events that serve every segment of the global table tennis family.

Annual General Meeting 2025 (AGM)

The 2025 Annual General Meeting marked an unprecedented and complex moment for the global table tennis family. The developments surrounding the meeting created several spillover effects that required considerable attention and resources, including legal considerations and the work necessary to ensure the successful resumption and completion of the AGM in Singapore. It was almost half a year before we could finally complete the AGM. During this period, the CEO's time and attention were significantly directed towards addressing these matters. The situation also led to a visible shift in external perception and confidence among certain partners and potential sponsors, which negatively impacted business growth. While the political tensions and outcomes were disappointing, they also served as a reminder of the importance of stability, unity, and constructive governance within our sport. A strong and cohesive environment remains essential if we are to fully realise the broader vision for the sustainable growth and global development of table tennis.

World Table Tennis – Delivering the first full Calendar

In 2025, World Table Tennis (WTT) achieved a major operational milestone with the successful delivery of its first full WTT Series calendar. The season featured four Grand Smashes — Singapore Smash, United States Smash, Europe Smash and China Smash — alongside six WTT Champions events in Chongqing, Incheon, Yokohama, Macao, Montpellier and Frankfurt. The calendar was further strengthened by 14 Star Contender and Contender events, 19 Feeder events, 63 Youth events, and concluded with a spectacular WTT Finals in Hong Kong, China.

The launch of two new Grand Smashes – United States Smash and Europe Smash, in emerging and promising markets marked a defining moment for the Series. Investing in new markets inevitably comes with complexity and a degree of calculated risk, from increased operational costs to navigating new stakeholder environments and establishing well-founded relationships that support long-term investment in the sport. These additions represented important strategic steps in expanding table tennis into key global markets. While these initiatives required significant effort and adaptability, the experiences gained have positioned WTT stronger for the future. We have deepened our understanding of operational requirements, strengthened stakeholder engagement, and gained valuable insights into the growth potential of these markets, laying important groundwork for sustainable strategic expansion in the years ahead.

WTT Champions have also reached greater stability and maturity in 2025. The introduction of Yokohama as a new stop proved to be a valuable addition to the calendar, reinforcing Japan's rich table tennis heritage and strengthening our presence in a key market.

The season concluded with the first-ever WTT Finals in Hong Kong, China — a fitting finale to a historic year. We are deeply appreciative of the visionary partners and hosts who share our ambition to position table tennis among the world's leading sports entertainment properties.

The year was not without challenges. The political instability created headwinds that impacted the full season. At the same time, 2025 represented the first year WTT executed a truly global, full-scale calendar that required larger than anticipated financial and human resources — a complex operational undertaking requiring resilience, adaptability and unwavering commitment from the entire team. Whilst, the investment was heavy, it did allow a lot of attention to be taken away from

the political crisis that the Federation went through, with many outsiders only focused on the wonderful events that were being staged.

Encouragingly, 2025 confirmed that the sport's momentum continues to build. From filling 10,000-seat arenas to delivering enhanced sports presentation and achieving strong ticket sales across multiple markets, WTT is seeing tangible growth in audience engagement, commercial interest and global relevance. The vision of showcasing table tennis on a premier global stage is steadily becoming reality and the platform has now been set to ensure returns on investment.

Finally, I extend my sincere gratitude to the WTT Board of 2025, as well as to the ITTF President Petra Sörling and the entire ITTF Executive Board. Your guidance and steadfast support have been instrumental in this bold journey of transformation and growth.

ITTF Foundation

In 2025, the ITTF Foundation continued to expand its global impact through its focus on inclusion, health, and community development. This year saw record participation with 845 registered events for World Table Tennis Day, attracting over 102,000 participants under the theme "Diversity and Inclusion." The flagship celebration in Nairobi, Kenya highlighted the sport's accessibility and unifying nature.

The third World Table Tennis for Health Festival in Helsingborg, Sweden, became the largest edition yet, welcoming 195 participants from 23 countries and territories. This event combined competition with knowledge sharing through the World Table Tennis for Health Congress, emphasizing table tennis as a beneficial activity for individuals with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. The Foundation also launched additional health-focused initiatives and partnerships to expand its impact in promoting well-being.

The Foundation also enhanced its visibility and advocacy efforts at major events, including the World Championships Finals 2025, the ITTF Summit, and the WTT China Smash, engaging stakeholders, partners, and fans while reinforcing its role as the social impact arm of the global table tennis family.

ITTF Development

In 2025, ITTF Development continued to deliver impactful programs supporting sustainable global table tennis growth. A key highlight was the continued success of the ITTF Hopes talent identification pathway, which returned to a yearly cycle and engaged more than 100 countries through national and continental activities culminating in the ITTF World Hopes Week and Challenge each October.

In education, innovative projects strengthened the training of match officials, including the launch of the Young Umpires Project in preparation for the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, alongside new initiatives that enhanced the presence and performance of match officials at key events across Africa. This includes promoting inclusion remained a priority through the "My Gender. My Strength." project, which empowered 18 female coaches and contributed to milestones such as the first women and girls' training camp in Brunei. The year also concluded with the first ITTF Africa-Asia Para Table Tennis Training Camp in Egypt, attracting a record number of participants.

Building Momentum towards 2026

2025 was a dynamic and demanding year for the table tennis family — a year of significant milestones, alongside moments that required reflection and resilience. As we look ahead to 2026, the outlook is both exciting and strategically important. A continued focus on the Centenary celebrations will be central to our efforts, particularly as preparations intensify for the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals in London.

WTT will continue delivering its portfolio of world-class events across the globe, with an emphasis on strategic and stable growth. Having now completed a full calendar cycle, our priority is consolidation — applying the learnings of recent years, refining operational efficiencies, strengthening commercial foundations, and moving towards optimised and a sustainable growth that will lead to profits.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the ITTF and WTT Boards, who faced difficult questions throughout 2025 yet remained steadfast and constructive in their support, always acting in the best interests of the sport. Special thanks are due to ITTF President Petra Sörling and ITTF Deputy President Liu Guoliang for their leadership and guidance during a complex and transformative period.

Finally, to the staff team, your adaptability, professionalism and relentless drive to innovate have been instrumental in elevating the sport to new heights.

2026 presents an opportunity to build on the momentum generated in 2025. After 20 years in the ITTF and 9 years as ITTF CEO, I will be dedicating 100% of my time to WTT as CEO in its next phase. I am deeply grateful to everyone at the ITTF for the many years of trust and collaboration. Let us continue to move forward with unity and optimism, working collectively to ensure sustainable growth and a strong, vibrant future for table tennis worldwide.

Table Tennis. For All. For Life.

Steve DANTON

Chief Executive Officer, ITTF Group

The following report outlines ITTF activities during 2025, complementing the CEO's report and providing an overview of the federation's governance and institutional milestones.

WORLD TITLE EVENTS IN 2025

Macao (China), Doha (Qatar), Cluj-Napoca (Romania), Helsingborg (Sweden), and Chengdu (China) successfully hosted ITTF World Title events.

A standout moment for our sport was the renewed Men's and Women's Singles World Cup, which saw Brazil's **Hugo CALDERANO** become the first non-Asian or European winner in our 99-year history—a testament to the global growth of table tennis.

The WTTC Finals in Doha were an organisational success. Similarly, Cluj-Napoca set a new benchmark for the World Youth Championships, while the World Table Tennis for Health Festival in Helsingborg demonstrated the vital role of the ITTF Foundation in our social mission.

A historic milestone was reached with the **Mixed Team World Cup**. We can now confirm with certainty that this format will feature at the **Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games**. This moves Table Tennis from having the fewest Olympic events of any racket sport in 2016 (four) to the most in 2028 (six). This is the result of tireless advocacy by ITTF President and IOC Member, **Petra SÖRLING**, within the Olympic Movement, and by ITTF Deputy President, **LIU Guoliang**, the Chinese Table Tennis Association, the Chengdu LOC, and our trusted partners at WTMG.

GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONAL PROGRESS

[Inaugural Sustainability Forum:](#)

Held on 7 March 2025, this online forum was a landmark for our community to align with global environmental and social goals. The active participation of Member Associations, Event Organisers, Athlete Role Models, Table Tennis Manufacturers, and Officials demonstrated the wide levels of commitment. My thanks to the Sustainability Committee Chair, **Mawuko AFADZINU**, the Committee members and the staff colleagues, particularly **Karine TEOW** and **Andres CONSTANTIN**, for their coordination.

[ITTF Sports Science Congress:](#)

Hosted by ASPETAR, the 17th edition was a true success for our sports medicine and science. We would like to thank ASPETAR COO, **Khalid AL-MALAWI**, and SSMC Acting Chair, **Táisa BELLI**, for their leadership.

[ITTF Summit:](#)

The 2025 Summit held in Doha provided a vital platform for dialogue with four dedicated sessions on [Development](#); [Finance](#); [Governance and Sustainability](#); and [Safeguarding](#).

We were honoured by the presence of IOC President **Thomas BACH**, who delivered a [keynote speech](#), and IOC Honour Member **Francesco RICCI BITTI**.

Their presence elevated our profile, despite regrettable and organised attempts by a small minority to disrupt the sessions and discourage attendance.

At the time of writing this report, the ITTF has already submitted to ASOIF the answers to the sixth questionnaire on governance self-assessment. We look forward to receiving the results in May, during the ASOIF General Assembly.

Executive Board Meetings:

The ITTF Executive Board met in January (online), February (online), May, August (online), September (online), November (online) and December 2025. All the Meeting Minutes are available on the usual ITTF repository, as a signal of transparency. We encourage the Delegates of the Member Associations to read them, to better understand the happenings in 2025.

Continental Council Meetings: (Reported in C-03)

INSTITUTIONAL INTEGRITY AND THE 2025 AGM

The events surrounding the 2025 AGM posed a significant challenge to the ITTF's institutional decorum. While the ITTF prides itself on being a democratic institution, the attempts to obstruct the proceedings on 27 May 2025 and 15 November 2025 were inconsistent with the values we promote.

The ITTF Integrity Unit is currently investigating these disruptions. It is my firm hope that the relevant Member Associations and National Olympic Committees reflect on whether such conduct represents the image they wish to project to the international sporting community.

Regarding the personal attacks directed at this office: I have always stood for the legitimacy of our processes. [In 2021, I defended the rights of candidates](#)¹; in 2025, I found myself the target of a sustained campaign of hostility. While I am grateful for those who offered silent support, the integrity of our Federation requires that the "honest majority" speak up against those who use threats and misinformation as political tools. These matters have been reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and will be handled with the gravity they deserve.

I am pleased to note that the **ITTF Tribunal** dismissed the misleading allegations brought forward in September 2025, and subsequent claims in the CAS and Swiss Civil Courts were eventually withdrawn. This reinforces the strength of our internal judicial bodies—the ITTF Tribunal, Integrity Board, and Integrity Unit—though we must remain vigilant to ensure they are protected from interference.

FINAL REMARKS AND APPRECIATION

Despite the unprecedented pressures of 2025, the ITTF has prevailed because our constitutional foundations are strong.

¹ The link provides you with the specific timestamp of the situation referred at the 2021 ITTF AGM held in Houston, which was applauded by the ITTF CEO at that time. Regrettably, in a similar situation in November 2025, there was no reaction.

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to President **Petra SÖRLING**, Deputy President **LIU Guoliang**, Honorary President **Adham SHARARA**, and CEO **Steve DANTON** for their continued trust. I also want to mention in particular the EB members with whom I interacted most: **Wahid OSHODI** and **Alaa MESHREF** for their unwavering integrity, and **Graham SYMONS** for his composure during the most difficult sessions in Doha.

My thanks also to Continental Presidents **Juan VILA** and **Pedro MOURA** for many years of continued collaboration and trust, and **Anthony MOORE**, for pushing forward Oceania's participation in the ITTF Forums. To former continental presidents, **Jairo PAEZ** and the late **Melecio E. RIVERA**, with whom we began elevating the profile of events in the Americas region, **Khaled EL-SALHY**, with whom had many years of collaboration in Africa, **Patrick GILLMANN** and the late **Anthony HO**, with whom worked closely in Oceania in my first years in the events department, and **Igor LEVITIN**, who helped the ETTU to transition to a modern organisation.

To the late **Andre DAMMAN**, one of my mentors, **Graeme IRELAND** and **Rudi SPORRER**, three exemplary volunteers at the service of the ITTF in their committee chair and commissioners' positions, but also to the many chairs and committee members who, day to day, contribute behind the scenes to the growth of our sport.

To our professional staff, Directors **Chris TAM**, **Charlotte LOURDES**, **Bart VERMOESEN**, **Mikael ANDERSSON**, and **Tristan LAVIER**, and the Managers and Coordinators: your daily implementation of the ITTF Strategic Plan, ITTF Events, Development Programmes, and day-to-day Operations is what keeps this sport moving forward as we enter our Centenary year.

In my final report to the ITTF AGM, I also want to mention two people with whom I worked very closely over my ten years in events: **Mohamed DAWLATLY** and **Freddy ALMENDARIZ**. You both made me feel confident that the ITTF events are in good hands.

Finally, having announced my departure in November 2025, I want to thank the vast majority of Member Association officers who have reached out with messages of support. Presidents, Secretaries General, Referees, Umpires, Coaches, Athletes, ... it is impossible to write all your names here, but working with you for 21 years has been a true honour and privilege.

I leave you with a wish for a magnificent Centenary, and the hope that you will continue to protect the sport from those who seek to undermine its democratic spirit.

I take the opportunity to wish **Stefan BERG** all the best as he starts in the position.

Respectfully submitted,

Raul CALIN

Secretary General (until 30 November 2025)

The Continental Council (**CC**) met once in 2025:

- 21st May 2025, Doha, Qatar, in a joint meeting with the ITTF Executive Board (**EB**)

In addition, the Continental Presidents were invited to attend two ITTF EB meetings:

- 18th August 2025: Online meeting conducted via videoconference.
- 20th September 2025: Online meeting conducted via videoconference.

Following the signatures of the five "Strategic Quadrennial Agreements 2025–2028" (**SQAs**) in December 2024 and January 2025, the SQAs have become the primary driver for regional success, with most of the Continental Federations operating significantly on the funds released by the ITTF via these agreements. The following are the highlights of the continental reports at the meeting held on 21st May 2025:

Africa

The African Table Tennis Federation (ATTF), led by Mr Wahid OSHODI, reported a successful African Cup in Tunis. Thanks to close collaboration with the ITTF Development Department, participation in regional championships has significantly increased compared to previous cycles. These events now provide a robust and clear pathway for athletes to qualify for the London 2026 World Championships.

Americas

ITTF Americas President Mr Juan VILA highlighted the Pan American Cup in San Francisco as a benchmark for organisational excellence and commercial sponsorship. The continent continued to innovate through the "Circle-10" event in Asuncion, Paraguay, a programme promoted alongside the ITTF Development Department. Furthermore, professional standards in officiating have been bolstered following an International Referee seminar in Asuncion, where five candidates successfully passed their examinations.

Asia

The Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU), under Mr Khalil AL-MOHANNADI's leadership, celebrated the Shenzhen Asian Cup as a commercial and spectator triumph. The event featured 32 men's and women's participants, a record-breaking 400,000 USD prize money, and an unprecedented attendance of 18,000 spectators, demonstrating the immense market potential of the sport in the region.

Europe

ETTU President Mr Pedro Moura reported a strong focus on youth development via the U13 Euro talents camps. Organisational growth is reflected in surging media and digital figures. Notably, the ETTU has fulfilled a key strategic mandate by integrating Sustainability Guidelines into all new service and event contracts, ensuring that European operations align with the ITTF's global environmental commitments.

Oceania

ITTF-Oceania President Mr Anthony Moore detailed the success of an ownership-based development model featuring two dedicated development officers. This approach has led to the revitalisation of table tennis in Niue—cited as an inspiration to the global community—and active engagement in the Pacific Mini Games in Palau and the Para Championships in New Zealand. The continent maintains a commendable gender balance, with participation rates for both genders exceeding 40% across all activities.

Olympic and Paralympic Games Progress

A milestone was reached for the Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) Olympic Games following the IOC's announcement on 9th April 2025. Certainly, the successful Mixed Team World Cups in the 2023 and 2024 editions in Chengdu were key factors for the addition of the Mixed Team Event to the programme. This has increased the total medal events for Table Tennis to six, making it the racket sport with the most medal events at the LA28 Games, and increasing the number of events by 50% since Rio 2016 (4 to 6).

The ITTF Continental Council also recognised the decisive impact of the work being done by ITTF President Petra SÖRLING, together with ITTF Deputy President Mr LIU Guoliang, in positioning this property as a premier ITTF event and ensuring the IOC could consider it for LA28.

Regarding the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the ITTF Continental Council noted the IOC's decision to transition from a traditional qualification system to an invitation system. The age cut was confirmed on 1st January 2009. Players born on or after that date will be eligible to compete in Table Tennis.

Governance and ITTF Tribunal Decisions

As mentioned earlier, the Continental Presidents were invited to the EB meetings held on 18th August and 20th September 2025, where updates were provided on the progress of the appeal made by the Qatar Table Tennis Association (QTTA) and Mr Khalil AL-MOHANNADI, further demonstrating the transparency with which the EB operates.

The 20th of September 2025 meeting noted the ITTF Tribunal's decision, dismissing the appeals filed by the QTTA and Mr AL-MOHANNADI, thereby confirming the validity of the Presidential election results and the mandate of President Petra SÖRLING.

Following the regrettable interruption of the 2025 AGM in Doha, the Executive Board deliberated, with the Continental Presidents as witnesses, on the most legally and logistically sound way to continue it. By a 9-to-2 majority vote, the EB resolved to hold the 2025 AGM continuation fully online on 15th November 2025.

Most of the Continental Presidents appreciated such a decision (4 out of 5).

On behalf of the Continental Council,

Raul CALIN

Secretary General (until 30 November 2025)

2025 Elections and AGM

For the ITTF integrity function (comprised of the operational Integrity Unit (the **Unit**) and the supervisory Integrity Board (the **Board**)) much of 2025 was dominated by the elections and AGM.

Although the Unit is not responsible for compliance with Chapter 10 the ITTF Statutes (Electoral and Appointment Regulations), with it being overseen by the Nominations Committee (**NomCo**), at its request, the Unit assisted the NomCo by conducting fact-finding enquiries in relation to candidates. The Unit then issued a complete report that allowed the NomCo to make informed decisions.

Following the issuance of the report to the NomCo, the Head of Integrity, Mr. Kevin Carpenter, found himself in the middle of the attention of global media outlets due to verbal attacks made on him during the AGM, which included misleading statements being made about the Unit's operations and private conversations being made public. Additionally, during the days prior, during and after the AGM, in Doha, Mr. Carpenter was subjected to intimidatory tactics, including being followed and under surveillance.

The retaliation suffered by Mr. Carpenter is unacceptable when its basis is exclusively a consequence of him performing his obligations. Mr. Carpenter has always conducted himself in a thoroughly professional manner since he started his tenure as Head of Integrity.

The scenes which unfolded at the announcement of the vote for the ITTF president, led the Integrity Board, with the approval of the ITTF, to support the Unit launching an inquiry into the misconduct of individuals, subsequently named 'Project Gibb'.

Given it would not be within the capacity of the Unit to conduct such a wide-ranging enquiry, a tender process was conducted by the Board over the summer to select an external investigation services provider to assist, with a Terms of Reference agreed in early September which is when the inquiry began.

Since the awarding of the tender to date, there has been over 50 persons of interest – over 30 witnesses and 20 Alleged Persons. Therefore, what turned out to be the first phase of the investigation was to interview as many witnesses as possible, as well as those Alleged Persons who were involved either in the process of selecting or standing as a candidate for the Executive Board in the AGM Continuation in November. Three substantial reports were submitted by the Unit to NomCo. Then before the end of the year the second phase started, and included the interview of the remaining Alleged Persons, as well as any additional witnesses that had come to the attention of the Inquiry Team.

In the Terms of Reference, dated 5th September which, upon recommendation of the Board, were published by the ITTF on 5th December, it is stated that the estimated timeframe for the Unit to file Notices of Charge against Alleged Persons is the end of March 2026.

As of today, it is still the Unit's intention to meet that timeframe, however in any inquiry there are of course matters which arise which are not foreseen and therefore some individual investigations may be concluded after that time.

Once all the Notices of Charge have been issued, the Unit will then turn its attention to producing a report for the Executive Board setting out reasons why the events that unfolded happened and then tailored recommendations to avoid such a situation ever arising again.

Cases

As of the end of 2025, in total (including Project Gibb), there were 42 open (active) cases: Betting integrity & Match manipulation – 8; Competition manipulation – 0; Ethics – 26; Safe sport – 7; Other – 1.

A number of these have not been progressed past the investigation stage due to a combination of factors including the level of resourcing and the attention given the Project Gibb cases. It is the goal in 2026 that the Unit can progress the majority of those cases which have a likelihood of a charge being upheld and necessary and proportionate to the objectives [Regulation 9.18.4] to a conclusion and close ones which do not meet those criteria.

The Unit did successfully bring a case before the Tribunal, mentioned in last year's report, against a Para athlete who was charged with non-betting match manipulation related to rankings for qualification for the 2024 Paralympic Games as well as betting on table tennis. In December 2025, he was banned for four years by the ITTF Tribunal but is almost certain to appeal this to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (the **CAS**). To give the ITTF and members an insight into the resources it takes for such a protracted, complex and fully contested case (with obstructive legal counsel on the other side), from the start of the investigation in April 2024 to the conclusion of the hearing in October 2025, with five separate administrative and disciplinary decisions having been handed down, the cost of an external investigator, external legal counsel and external junior legal advocate totalled nearly USD 75,000. The CAS appeal shall require a senior advocate, with the total cost of counsel and the advocate just to defend those proceedings likely to be in the region of USD 60,000.

Betting integrity

The integrity of betting on table tennis continues to be a key strategic and operational priority for the Unit, with some of the work the Unit has done on this area of activity in 2025 being:

- Having conducted an investigation deployment at a table tennis event in October 2024, the Unit progressed to charge one of the players with extensive betting on table tennis as part of a broader conspiracy involving both other players and people outside of the sport. The investigation into the other individuals continues.
- Increase in intelligence on suspicious matches being received, in particular an increase in suspicious match alerts coming in on ITTF and WTT events, with a number of investigations ongoing which require significant resource and time, including obtaining, downloading and analysing mobile devices.
- The Unit has received multiple media requests as journalists uncover suspicious betting on both sanctioned and privately organised table tennis events.

- Delivered a session on betting integrity to coaches at the conference held in London just prior to the WTT Star Contender event having been invited by the Sports Development team.
- The Head of Integrity was invited to attend the INTERPOL Match-Fixing Task Force annual conference held in Abu Dhabi, UAE in November. A number of the presentations delivered there from important global stakeholders mentioned the prevalence and risk around table tennis betting.

Confidential Reporting Channel

A significant step forward for the Unit and indeed the sport in 2025 was the launch of a new confidential reporting mechanism which was born out of Project Gibb. The early stages of the system are extremely encouraging as to the number of reports and the type of information that have been received.

Future of the integrity function

The operational budget for the Unit remained the same for 2025 and it is the Board's firm view that this does not achieve the minimum level of resources required to be fit-for-purpose to tackle the threats the sport faces and function as the key risk management and insurance measure for the ITTF Group.

Given we are now under the new four-year cycle with a new Executive Board, with Anthony Moore having been given the portfolio for Clean Sport and Integrity, the Head of Integrity has reflected on the performance of the Unit to this to date since he came into post in October 2021 and the key change needed is shifting the Unit from being a predominantly investigations and compliance body, which was not intentional at the outset, to one education and prevention led.

Alongside this, towards the end of 2025 the Head of Integrity expressed both to ITTF management and as through the Centenary Constitutional Reform consultation, that the current status quo of the Unit cannot continue into the medium and long term. The ITTF has to decide whether to significantly increase available resources to match the Unit's current scope of activities or expose the organization and the sport to higher disciplinary and reputational risk.

Enric RIPOLL

ITTF Integrity Board Chair

On behalf of the members of the ITTF Tribunal, this is the report of its activities for 2025.

In 2025, the ITTF Tribunal issued the following decisions or recorded the following requests:

1. Appeal against fines for withdrawing participation from an ITTF Event

On 19 July 2024, a Player filed a request for proceedings to challenge two decisions that imposed fines of USD 2,500 each, for his withdrawal from the WTT Champions Incheon 2024 in Korea Republic, between 27-31 March 2024 and for participating in a non-WTT event in Saudi Arabia, between 22-28 March 2024.

The ITTF Tribunal Chair opened proceedings and appointed Ms Anna Smirnova as sole member of the Hearing Panel.

On 19 March 2025, the Hearing Panel issued its decision rejecting the Player's appeal.

2. Request for eligibility status to compete in Olympic and World Titles events

On 2 February 2024, a Player filed a request for proceedings with the ITTF Tribunal challenging a decision of the ITTF Eligibility Working Group ("**EWG**"). The issue concerned the Player's eligibility status regarding Olympic title competitions and World Titles Events following a change of nationality of the Appellant.

The ITTF Tribunal Chair opened proceedings and appointed Mr Olivier Ducrey as sole member of the Hearing Panel. On 25 April 2024, the Sole Member of the ITTF Hearing Panel dismissed the request. He found that it was the responsibility of Table Tennis Australia Limited to register the change of the Player's sporting nationality and not the Player's. The Player did not have standing to make such a request.

On 13 May 2024, the Player appealed this decision with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

On 26 June 2025, the CAS issued its award, setting aside the decision of the ITTF Hearing Panel.

3. Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the ITTF held on 27 May 2025 in Doha, Qatar

On 17 June 2025, **Mr Khalil Al Mohannadi and Qatar Table Tennis Association Requests for Commencing the Proceedings, requesting *on the merits of the case***

- *To annul the decision of the ITTF AGM of 27.05.2025 on agenda item 24 (Presidential Election) to recognize that Ms Petra Sörling won the Presidential Election by 104 votes to Mr Khalil Al-Mohannadi's 102 votes and, consequently:*
 - *To declare that Mr Khalil Al-Mohannadi has won the presidential election by 98 votes to Ms Petra Sörling's 87, and to declare that he has been elected President of the ITTF.*

- *In the alternative, order the ITTF to convene a general meeting and to repeat the vote on the election of the ITTF President in accordance with the instructions of your Tribunal.*

The ITTF Tribunal Chair opened proceedings and appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of Ms Morenike Obi-Farinde, from Nigeria, Mr Olivier Ducrey, from Switzerland, and Ms Anna Smirnova, from Switzerland, as President of the Panel.

On 1 September 2025, the Hearing Panel issued the operative part of its decision, dismissing the requests and confirming the election of Ms Petra Sörling as the ITTF President. The grounds of the decision were served on the parties on **23 September 2025**.

4. ITTF Integrity Unit request for proceedings in betting and corruption conducts

On 10 April 2025, the ITTF Integrity Unit filed a request for proceedings before the ITTF Tribunal to conduct proceedings against a para table tennis player (the “**Player**”) for a possible violation of the ITTF Code of Ethics.

The ITTF Tribunal Chair opened proceedings and appointed a Hearing Panel consisting of Ms Anna Smirnova, from Switzerland, Kok Keng Lau, from Singapore and the Chair of the ITTF Tribunal as President of the Panel.

On 26 December 2025, the Hearing Panel found the Player guilty of corrupt conduct, having attempted to persuade his opponents to let him win, and having placed 67 bets on table tennis competitions. The Hearing Panel imposed a 4-year period of ineligibility on the Player, commencing on the date of the decision.

In January 2026, the Player appealed against the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The case is pending.

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I remain at your disposal for any further information. Yours sincerely,

Lausanne, on 3 March 2026.

Jorge IBARROLA
ITTF Tribunal Chair

[PLACEHOLDER]

Members

Ms Rita Bsaibes	Chair (Lebanon)
Mr Hua Yuan	Full member (China)
Mr Patrice Nzi	Full Member (Cote d'Ivoire)
Mr Torsten Kueneth	Full Member (Germany)
Ms Kookhee An	Full Member (Korea Republic)
Mr Philip McCallum	Full Member (Scotland)
Mr. Atsushi Hasegawa	Special Advisor (Japan)

GENERAL

The Equipment Committee and Department continuously strive to ensure the high quality of table tennis products. They also establish technical definitions to guarantee safe and reliable playing conditions.

APPROVALS

Equipment	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Balls	105	91	84	83	78	86	97	103	97	88	91
Tables	201	188	184	168	167	159	153	152	130	116	119
Nets	62	61	60	54	54	50	50	51	51	52	54
Floorings	31	29	27	24	24	18	18	19	19	18	17
Racket Coverings	1690	1696	1639	1601	1571	1641	1607	1570	1548	1483	1483

Balls: The balls' quantity has been visibly increased.

Tables: A continuous increase in approved table products has been observed, especially in requests to add new tabletop colours to tables that have already been approved.

Nets: The situation within this section increased a little.

Floorings: The situation within this section increased a little.

Racket Coverings: The quantity has shown little change; however, since LARC shifted to daily approvals, brands are paying closer attention to their approved products, which has also resulted in more cancellations.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Current projects

1. Rubbers

In 2025, three additional events implemented the new Racket Control (Dismantling) procedure, bringing the total to six events. The procedure has become smoother thanks to improved education for testers, referees, umpires, and players, as well as better preparation and accumulated experience. The program now includes eight testers from different continents,

strengthening diversity and global representation. In 2026, more events will adopt the new racket control system, with additional testers to be trained, particularly for Youth and Para events.

The OX version and sponge colour details have also been updated on the List of ITTF Approved Racket Coverings (LARC).

A new friction device is now available at the ITTF T-Lab to measure pimple-out and long pimple products as part of the approval process. Testing will start in early 2026 to gain further experience and ensure faster turnaround of results.

2. Tables and Net Assemblies

A collection of tabletops and net meshes featuring different coloured lines and tapes was compiled, with measurements carried out using a colourimeter and recorded in a newly established database. Data analysis and related conclusions are expected in 2026.

In parallel, a significant number of tables have undergone performance and compliance retesting, with further evaluations planned for 2026. Retesting of net assemblies will also commence in 2026.

3. Net Gauge

The net gauge approval process has been improved through optimization of the testing method and modernization of its documentation.

4. Balls

The three-year ball aging test is currently in progress, with analysis and conclusions to be drawn once the results are available.

For ball hardness, sustainable products exhibit a different hardness range. An analysis is underway to determine whether the current limits can be adjusted or modified without affecting other specifications.

5. Blades

For blade approval, a new material list will be established following a sample collection. An inspection device is being sourced, and the material collection along with the finalization of regulations is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Future projects include expanding Racket Control with additional tester training, completing friction device testing for rubbers, finalizing analysis of tabletop and net mesh colour measurements, continuing table performance retesting and initiating net assembly retesting, monitoring and refining net gauge testing methods, completing the three-year ball aging study and assessing hardness limits for sustainable balls, and finalizing blade material collection, implementing an inspection device and updating related regulations.

Rita BSAIBES

Interim Chair of the ITTF Equipment Committee

1. Composition of the Committee (1 January 2025 – 16 December 2025)

Ms. Ina Jozepsone (Latvia / Europe), Chair; Mr. Ali Sultan Al Muftah (Qatar / Asia); Ms. Eunmi Seok (Republic of Korea / Asia); Mr. Leonel Gerardo Godoy Sierra (Honduras / Latin America); Mr. Galal Ezz (Egypt / Africa); Dr. Adesoji Emmanuel Tayo (Nigeria / Africa).

2. Composition of the Committee (16 December 2025 – 31 December 2025)

Ms. Ina Jozepsone (Latvia / Europe), Interim Chair; Dr. Adesoji Emmanuel Tayo (Nigeria / Africa); Mr. Ali Sultan Al Muftah (Qatar / Asia); Mr. Majid Ehteshamzadeh (Iran / Asia); Mrs. Betty Zareba (Canada / North America); Mr. Murat Eris (Türkiye / Europe); Mr. Khaled Elfeky (Egypt / Africa).

3. Committee meetings / Communication

Throughout 2025, the Masters Committee maintained regular communication through email exchanges. An in-person meeting was planned for May 2025 in conjunction with the ITTF World Individual Table Tennis Championships Finals and the ITTF AGM 2025 in Doha, Qatar.

However, due to difficulties arising from the inability of some members to attend for various reasons, the committee was unable to hold the meeting.

Regular communication continued between the Masters Committee, the ITTF Sports Development Director, Mikael Andersson, and the ITTF Competition Manager, José Bentes. These interactions facilitated the smooth organisation of and ongoing support for Masters events.

4. Committee's activities**4.1 Co-operation ITTF VMC and SCI**

Throughout the year, the Masters Committee worked closely with the Swaythling Club International (SCI). The Chair, Ms. Jozepsone, participated in the SCI AGM 2025 in Novi Sad and continued to foster strong relationships with the SCI leadership, particularly its President, Ms. Claude Bergeret. Regular exchanges between the Chair and key ITTF staff ensured alignment and coordination on matters related to Masters activities.

4.2 Support in organising World Veteran Championships

During the European Veterans Championships in Novi Sad, Serbia (16–21 June 2025), a meeting was held between the Chair, Ms. Jozepsone, and representatives of the ITTF World Masters Championships in Korea (5–12 June 2026), which will be the second World Masters Championships organised under the ITTF's banner.

Preparations for the event in Gangneung are progressing in a positive direction, and interest from participants is already strong.

4.3 Encourage continental and national federations to promote masters' table tennis activities

The Masters Committee continued to encourage and support national and continental federations in promoting Masters table tennis. Exchanges were held with officials from

various continental federations, fostering collaboration and the sharing of best practices in organising Masters and Veterans events.

4.4 Update Masters' activities on the ITTF website

The ITTF website remained an important tool for updating the table tennis community on the latest developments in Masters table tennis. Information related to the 2026 World Masters Championships in Gangneung was regularly posted, including key updates, registration details, and event schedules.

The ITTF website also featured monthly updates to the Masters calendar, ensuring that the global table tennis community remained informed about upcoming tournaments and events.

5. Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who supported the work of the ITTF Masters Committee throughout 2025. Special appreciation goes to the ITTF staff, and in particular to Mr. Bart Vermoesen, ITTF Event Director, for his constant co-operation and timely assistance.

The valuable exchange of ideas and perspectives with fellow committee members and key stakeholders continues to be integral to the ongoing success and development of Masters table tennis. The year was packed with events across the Masters programme. We made significant progress in initiating new competitions and expanding our Masters programme.

Ina JOZEPSONE

Interim Chair of the ITTF Masters Committee

Introduction

The ITTF Nomination Committee is pleased to present its report on the roles and responsibility process for leadership. This report summarises the committee's activities, including the nomination process and final recommendations.

Committee Responsibilities

As this year involved many highly significant elections, the Nominations Committee have been extremely pro active:

- Identifying and assessing candidates for ITTF governance roles.
- Ensuring a transparent and merit-based nomination process.
- Verifying candidates' eligibility and compliance with ITTF regulations.

Committee Meetings and Nomination Process:

Following on from the March meetings highlighted in the previous report the committee held several meetings to support the election process and the finalisation of the committees.

The roles and responsibilities of the Nomination Committee were reiterated as we moved forward with a further online meeting to discuss the membership of the ITTF committees and potential chairs, and the applications for Continental Council elected candidates.

Those persons identified were recommended to the ITTF Executive Board. It is important to mention the incumbent committee chairs report on the engagement of existing committee members.

A number of physical meetings were held at the World Championships in Doha. In these meetings there was consideration of the eligibility of the vice president candidates and official documents received by the Nominations Committee questioning the eligibility of two of the applicants. With reference to the official complaints, the decision was taken to seek the advice of the Integrity Unit.

The eligible candidate went forward with their individual presentations prior to the AGM and However, the suspension of the Annual General Meeting resulted in the elections of the vice presidents being postponed.

Following the suspended Annual General Meeting, a number of official complaints were sent to the Nominations Committee questioning the eligibility of a number of candidates. Although there were some delays, eventually several online meetings took place. Owing to the short time frame the decision was taken to seek the advice of the legal department on the ITTF statutes including the right of appeal. The relevant decisions were finally taken as a result of advice obtained.

Evaluations:

The work of the Nominations committee was carried out within a thorough and at times difficult process. The recommended candidates met the ITTF's leadership criteria and statutes, demonstrating a strong commitment to the development of table tennis.

Challenges and Considerations:

During the nomination process, the committee identified key challenges:

- Limited applications for some positions.
- The need to improve regional and gender representation.
- Ensuring transparency and fairness in candidate selection.
- Conflict of interest

Conclusion and Recommendations:

The Nomination Committee is confident in the integrity of the selection process and believes the recommended candidates will contribute effectively to ITTF's leadership. Moving forward, we suggest:

- Expanding outreach efforts to encourage broader participation.
- Making sure that the aspect of conflict of interest is always declared and evaluated.
- A consideration of including some level of independence to support the sport specific members.

I personally would like to say, it is indeed a great honour to be asked to lead this very important committee. I will do so with dedication, collaboration, and strong governance all within a democratic environment.

I would like to thank the previous Chair for his commitment.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all the dedicated committee members for their commitment and truly valued contributions, the ITTF staff both past and present, the ITTF Executive Board, the Continental Presidents and of course all the Member Associations.

Sandra DEATON

Chair of the ITTF Nominations Committee

2025 New Para Competition Structure

The new ITTF World Para Circuit with its three-tier structure (Elite, Challenger, and Future) is being very successful in terms of participation and attraction of LOCs.

We set a record of hosted events in a year (25 in the Para circuit + 5 continental championships) that received the participation of 1445 athletes. Also, the number of global entries has increased, and we had an average participation of 3.03 events per athlete.

This success has already attracted a good number of new LOCs interested in hosting Para events and we are discussing their proposals to be included in the future. For the moment, AUS and TUR have ensured their presence in the 2026 calendar but we expect to add more first time organizers in 2027.

New Ranking System

The new ranking system has been running smoothly. Since 2025, we follow the same frequency of weekly publication as the non Para circuit, and the athletes have embraced this novelty with enthusiasm publishing in their social media every good result that they get. Weekly publication brings a lot of dynamism to the ranking and creates a lot of alternatives in the top positions.

The new ranking system has also a huge positive impact to developing athletes. Now, players can enter the ranking with a few ranking points even if they do not get good results and that gives visibility to beginners putting them in the race to higher goals.

World Table Tennis Championships 2026

The World Table Tennis Championships will take place in Pattaya (THA) from 13-19 November 2026 and the qualification period will finish at the end of July, so we are at the last stages of the race to Worlds.

Classification

In 2025 we had 315 players classified, a 50% increase in comparison with 2024 which is the expected number for a year where a new Paralympic cycle starts. We have started a new procedure providing the athletes with preliminary classes before the tournaments. 72% of the classes assigned remotely were confirmed after the actual onsite classification. The results are very promising and can be improvable by requesting the MAs with more specific medical and technical information.

Development**2025 ITTF Para Athlete Grants**

Support towards Para athletes to attend ITTF Para Series events or international training camps. Support in terms of accommodation and partial airfare. 19 Athletes selected from 17 Member Associations, and the beneficiaries used to grant to participate in 10 different ITTF Para Series events.

Africa-Asia Para Table Tennis Training Camp

5-days training camp in conjunction with the 2025 ITTF Para Challenger Giza, 38 athletes from 10 MAs participated in the training camp from the African and Asian MAs.

Online Para Table Tennis Integration Guide

ITTF Online service provided to ITTF Member Association through the ITTF Participation program with the aim to provide directions in establishing Para Table Tennis integration process in Member Associations (MAs). The online service was provided to 3 MAs (LBA, COD and VEN)

National and MA activities

- Support towards National Para Tournament (CRC)
- Support toward organization of Para Training Camp (COL)
- Support toward organization of Para Training Camp (PER)
- Support toward organization of two youth and Para Training Camps (IRL)
- Support towards organization of Training Camp including Para athletes (NOR)
- School Program including Para kids (GRE)

Sima LIMOOCHI

Interim Chair of the ITTF Para Table Tennis Committee

Part 1: June – December 2025

Meetings / Internal Communication

Due to health reasons, the Chairman, Mr. Sporrer, was unable to attend the ITTF Summit 2025 in Doha in person. Fortunately, a hybrid online meeting of the Rules Committee, chaired by Mr. Sporrer, was organised on May 23, 2025, to discuss the final proposals and resolutions of the 2025 Annual General Meeting and Council.

Questions / Interpretations on Rules

The Rules Committee had to answer numerous questions from officials and umpires/referees of the member associations, primarily regarding equipment and eligibility.

There were also concerns about the legality of some top players' service.

Composition of the Rules Committee

During the 2024–2025 term, the Rules Committee was reduced by one member without explanation, and the minimum quota of 25% female board members was not met. However, these errors were fully rectified at the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

Eligibility Questions

On another occasion, the Chairman, as a member of the ITTF Eligibility Committee, participated in the discussion of several players' eligibility cases.

Personal Remarks of Mr. Rudolf Sporrer

Having chaired the Rules Committee for over 21 years, I felt it was time to renew and strengthen this important ITTF body. I was delighted to learn that Mr. Igor Heller is now willing to assume the Chairmanship of the Rules Committee. I am convinced that he is the right person for this position and will lead the committee in a structured and competent manner.

Of course, I will continue to be available to advise the committee if needed.

Rudi SPORRER

Chair of the ITTF Rules Committee 2004 – 2025

Part 2: December 2025 – April 2026

Meetings / Internal Communication

The Rules Committee had an online meeting on 25th March 2026 to discuss the tasks and upcoming work of the Rules Committee, and the proposals and resolutions for the AGM in London 2026.

Questions / Interpretation on Rules

The Rules Committee had a lively communication on current issues, particularly the interpretation of the service rules, following the URC seminars on this topic.

Development on Constitution, Regulations and Rules

The Rules Committee assisted the ITTF Secretariat in completing the Statutes for 2026 including the changes made at the 2025 AGM and Council.

On request of the Chair of the Equipment Committee, the Rules Committee assisted in arranging consistency between the ITTF Manuals for the table and racket control and the Statutes.

The Rules Committee is following the development of the new ITTF Constitution with great interest. The Committee commented the first draft of the new ITTF Constitution to be discussed at the 2026 AGM in London and made suggestions on clarity, precision, consistency and further development of the Constitution.

Composition of the Rules Committee in 2025.

After the interruption of the 2025 AGM in Doha, the “old” Rules Committee remained in function until the confirmation of the new Committee on 15th November 2025. 4 members left the committee, and 5 new members were appointed. At the first meeting of the new ITTF EB on 8th December 2025, Mr. Igor Heller was appointed as Interim Chair.

Eligibility Questions

The interim Chair continued the duties as member of the ITTF Eligibility Commission advising about decisions on players changing nationality or Association.

Acknowledgements

First, I want to thank Rudolf Sporrer for leading the Rules Committee for nearly 22 years. Rudi is a real expert on Rules and Regulations, leading the Committee strict when needed, flexible when possible and above all as a real gentleman. I am very glad Rudi is still available to advise us with his vast experience, historical knowledge and wisdom.

Thanks also to all Committee members, particularly deputy Chair Prof. Chan Cheong-ki, who was able to assist and substitute the Chair whenever needed.

A warm word of gratitude to executive Vice President Mr. Wahid Oshodi and to my colleagues, the chair of ITTF Committees and Commissions, as well as the ITTF Commissioners for the good cooperation and assistance.

A special word of gratitude to former Secretary General Raul Calin, who was always available to help the Rules Committee in any thinkable way for many years, even during the unusually busy year 2025.

Igor HELLER

Interim Chair of the ITTF Rules Committee

In 2025, the ITTF's Sport Science and Medical Committee (SSMC) was focused on activities related to organizing the ITTF Sports Science Congress in Doha (Qatar), establishing a smooth onboarding of new committee members and proceeded with the work on different sports science and sports medicine fields.

1. The Committee's most significant event of 2025 was definitely the organization of the 17th ITTF Sports Science Congress in Doha, Qatar from 15th to 16th May 2025. The event was jointly organized by the Aspetar Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital and Qatar Table Tennis Association. After a six-year hiatus since the last Congress in 2019, this key event was brought back with a record of 240 participants, including 70 in-person attendees and 170 online participants. The program included a total of 18 keynote speakers who were talking about cutting-edge research in sports science and medicine. Proceedings were published, including 42 peer-reviewed abstracts authored or co-authored by more than 100 researchers in disciplines ranging from biomechanics and injury diagnostics to esports, equipment design, gender equality and Para table tennis.
2. SSMC members Taisa Belli, Fethi Regaieg, and Irene Faber served on the Organizing Committee of the 17th ITTF Sports Science Congress. In addition, SSMC members Taisa Belli, Fethi Regaieg, Irene Faber, Esko Heikkinen, Kazuto Yoshida, Michael Fuchs, and Xiaopeng Zhang also served on the Scientific Committee of the event.
3. The SSMC had a meeting immediately after the Congress on 17th May 2025, with the attendance of Fethi Regaieg, Irene Faber, Kazuto Yoshida, Michael Fuchs and Taisa Belli. On the agenda there was above all the post-event evaluation of the congress.
4. SSMC member Taisa Belli and ITTF Junior Legal Manager Leonard Fiss participated in the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) Medical and Science Consultative Group (AMSCG) Workshop, held on 6–7 May 2025. This hybrid event covered key topics such as AI in sports medicine, women's health, IF challenges, and issues related to transgender athletes and differences of sex development (DSD).
5. The SSMC actively participated in the ITTF Centenary Constitutional Reform by providing input through the feedback form made available by the ITTF Governance Department, which is leading this process. SSMC members Taisa Belli, Irene Faber, Esko Heikkinen, Fethi Regaieg, Parisa Samadi, Kazuto Yoshida, Michael Fuchs actively contributed to this process through email exchanges and a meeting held on 17th October 2025.
6. SSMC member Taisa Belli attended the International Federations (IF) Medical Chairpersons meeting held at the Olympic House, in Lausanne on 30th and 31st October 2025. This initiative of the IOC Health, Medicine and Science Department focused on medical service planning for the upcoming Olympic Games, environmental health and safety, injury and illness prevention, the female sports category, and athlete mental health.
7. SSMC member Taisa Belli attended the 2025 World Table Tennis for Health Festival. This event was organized by the ITTF Foundation and was held in Helsingborg, Sweden from 28th to 29th November 2025. Taisa Belli was the moderator of the World Table Tennis for Health Congress. The congress focused on the latest research, pioneering initiatives, global best practices, and practical guidance to better support individuals living with neurodegenerative diseases.

8. On 15 November 2026, the new composition of the SSMC was approved at the ITTF AGM. On 16 December 2026, the new committee structure was communicated to the committee, as follows: Interim Chair: Taisa Belli; Full members: Irene Faber, Fethi Regaieg, Michael Wolfgang Johannes Fuchs, Kazuhide Ogino, Esko Heikkinen, Corresponding members: Ke Wang, Kweku Adedayo Tandoh, Najam Chisti, Hebaallah Hamed Mostapha; ITTF Junior Legal Manager & SSMC Committee Secretary: Leonard Fiss; and ITTF Executive Board representative: Veli Ozan Cakir.
9. On 26 January 2026, the new composition of the SSMC held its first meeting. ITTF Sports Development Director Mikael Andersson also attended. The main topics addressed were: the structuring of the initial steps for organizing the 18th ITTF Sports Science and Medical Congress – Astana, Kazakhstan – 2027; a proposal to offer support for the organization of the 7th World Racket Sports Science Congress – Ningbo, China; a review of the ITTF Transgender & DSD Policy; collaboration with WTT to promote the WTT Medical Services Network; collaboration with the ITTF Foundation to promote World Table Tennis Day; and a review of medical documentation related to the Olympic Games. Moreover, the committee is working on planning the committee cycle in advance to establish a structured approach.
10. SSMC members are also active in the professional field: Esko Heikkinen is a Master of Science in Physical Education and Sports and MBA with a long career as a player, coach and chairman of the Finnish Table Tennis Association. Dr. Fethi Regaieg is a former international table tennis athlete. He is a sports medicine physician with more than 25 years experience. He is working at Aspetar Orthopaedic and Sport Medicine Hospital, providing medical coverage for national and international table tennis competitions and treating injured table tennis athletes. Irene Faber is senior researcher at Windesheim University of Applied Science (Netherlands) and president of the Netherlands Table Tennis Association. Michael Fuchs is National Coach Analysis Para Table Tennis of the Germany Team. Dr Kweku Adedayo Tandoh is a Medical Doctor and Member of National Association of Sports Medicine, Nigeria. He had previously worked with various national sports teams and served on Doping Control Investigative Panels in Nigeria and is now the COO of the Africa Table Tennis Federation. Dr Kazuhide Ogino is a cardiologist and sports medicine physician. He has extensive experience in cardiovascular medicine, clinical research, and athlete health support, and has served for more than 20 years as a member of sports medicine and science committees in Japan and as a doctor for national teams. He is actively involved in table tennis medicine and sports science, contributing to medical care, education, and health promotion through table tennis. Najam Chishti holds a Ph.D. in Synthetic Organic Chemistry from the University of London and he is a retired research scientist. He is an international table tennis umpire and has coached provincial junior teams for the Canada Games. He was awarded the Order of Prince Edward Island for over 30 years of volunteer service and currently serves as Vice President of Table Tennis Canada. Taisa Belli is Professor at University of Campinas (Brazil) and Chair of the Sports Science Committee, Brazilian Table Tennis Association.

We would like to acknowledge Mr. Masahiro Maehara and Prof. Veli Ozan Cakir for their contribution and support to SSMC as ITTF EB representatives.

Prof. Taisa BELLI, PhD

Interim Chair of the ITTF Sports Science and Medical Committee

INTRODUCTION

Sustainability Report to the AGM: Playing for the Planet

This report reflects our shared vision: a sport that champions the planet as fiercely as it celebrates competition. Together, we are leading the charge for a sustainable future, demonstrating how table tennis can be a powerful force for good.

Our journey is guided by ambitious, globally recognised commitments. In 2022, we joined the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework, pledging to cut our emissions in half by 2030 and achieve net-zero by 2040. As a founding signatory of the Sports for Nature Framework, we also committed to protecting ecosystems and inspiring global action. These principles are the bedrock of our strategy, ensuring that environmental responsibility is woven into the fabric of our sport.

It is with great pride that I report on the culmination of our first Sustainability Action Plan and the extraordinary momentum we've built during its final year, 2025.

2025: A Year of Action and Innovation

Last year was about turning commitment into concrete action. We focused on increasing the visibility of our efforts and showcasing practical examples of sustainability from across the table tennis community. The results have been remarkable.

Raising the Standard of Play

These pivotal actions enable us to move beyond ambition to establish clear, high standards for the entire sport.

1. We launched the ITTF Sustainable Equipment Pledge and the ITTF Sustainable Event Pledge, creating a framework for responsible practices across the board.
2. A major milestone was reached on 18 March 2025, with the official approval of the first table tennis ball made with over 65% recycled plastic. It made its competitive debut at the WTT Europe Smash in Malmö, proving that innovation and performance can go hand-in-hand.
3. To ensure we can measure our progress, we published our 2023 Carbon Footprint report using a new, more robust tool, and completed our measurement for 2024.

Empowering Our Global Community

Lasting change is driven by people. In 2025, we focused on equipping our community with the tools and inspiration to act.

1. We launched the ITTF Sustainability Education Platform, making vital knowledge accessible to our members, athletes, and staff.
2. Our inaugural ITTF Sustainability Virtual Forum and Awards celebrated innovation and collaboration, bringing our community together to share ideas.
3. We published 16 new sustainability case studies from Member Associations, turning individual successes into a shared playbook for the future.
4. Our Planet Ambassador delivered the first dedicated sustainability education to coaches and athletes at the World Hopes Week, planting seeds for the next generation.

Recognition on the World Stage

Our collective efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 2025, the ITTF was:

1. Shortlisted for the prestigious IOC Climate Action Awards.
2. Shortlisted for the Sport Positive Awards.
3. Featured as a leading case study by the Sports for Nature Framework.

This external recognition is a powerful testament to the dedication of our entire table tennis family.

Looking Ahead: The ITTF Planet Game Plan 2030

The completion of our first Action Plan is not an end, but a springboard. In 2026, we will launch our ambitious new strategy, the ITTF Planet Game Plan 2030.

This roadmap will guide our next chapter, with immediate priorities including:

1. The official launch of the ITTF Planet Game Plan 2030.
2. The introduction of the ITTF Sustainable Event Label to certify and celebrate leading events.
3. The development of a comprehensive ITTF Sustainable Procurement Policy.
4. Continued collaboration with manufacturers to advance sustainable equipment.

A Collective Journey

None of this progress would be possible without the unwavering dedication of our Member Associations, athletes, manufacturers, event organisers and partners. Your passion and commitment prove that table tennis can indeed lead by example, balancing competitive excellence with planetary responsibility.

Sustainability is a continuous journey of improvement and innovation. As we move forward, let us remain united in our mission to make table tennis a sport that thrives today while safeguarding tomorrow.

Thank you for your steadfast support. Together, we are building a legacy of resilience, responsibility, and innovation for generations to come. I look forward to the day when table tennis becomes the global standard for sustainability.

Mawuko AFADZINU

Interim Chair of the ITTF Sustainability Committee

In 2025, the ITTF URC underwent a change in the composition of the Committee. Three members stepped down, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude, especially to Rebecca Bergfeldt, who served for many years as a member of the URC, as well as to Alan Hopkins for his dedicated work as Evaluator Coordinator.

The responsibilities have now been distributed among the new members, whose engagement throughout 2025 has been excellent.

As usual, we placed a special focus on the development of match officials, and once again we increased our activities to a new record, from 41 to 45. This achievement was only possible thanks to the excellent cooperation with the High Performance and Development Department, as well as the full support of many associations. Notably, self-funded activities increased significantly, from 5 to 13.

The following objectives were pursued in 2025:

1. Communication

- Two online and two on-site (Doha, Beijing) URC meetings
- Ongoing Online meetings and close cooperation with the WTT Match Officials Coordinator
- Online meetings with the Integrity Unit to discuss specific cases
- Online meeting to prepare Dakar 2026
- On-site (Doha) and two online meetings with Equipment to discuss racket control/dismantling procedures/racket cases
- Online Meetings and close cooperation with Development during the year
- Online meeting with ITTF/WTT staff about TTR and Service Rule
- Two Newsletters have been published
- Use of the ITTF website and Facebook group to communicate with match officials

2. Participation in working groups

- Members of ITTF URC participated in the following working groups:
- Racket Control Procedures/Dismantling process
- Table Tennis Review (TTR)

3. ITTF/WTT Match Officials Coordinator

Tina Crotta, as the contact person for ITTF URC towards ITTF and WTT for all issues related to match officials, is communicating each day with ITTF URC, and the cooperation with Tina Crotta is exceptional.

4. Education; Performance Assessment and Evaluations

In total, 163 (+11.64% compared to 2024) Performance Assessments have been made by the appointed referee teams.

707 (+37.81% compared to 2024) evaluations done by certified evaluators in 17 events during the year. Due to the excellent support of national associations ITTF URC could also offer self-funded evaluations and training during events in India, France, Philippines, Hong Kong, Tunisia, Spain, Thailand and Japan.

5. Education; Advanced Rules Exam

ITTF URC offered the Advanced Rules Exams in 21 events for 146 candidates, and 117 umpires passed the exam. Compared to 2024, the pass rate with 80.1% is very high.

6. Young Umpires Project

"The ITTF Development Department and the Umpires & Referees Committee (URC) launched the ITTF Young Umpires Project in September 2025 as a structured pathway toward the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games. The initiative engages 60 young umpires from 58 Member Associations worldwide and has maintained strong participation and engagement, combining theoretical learning with practical exercises. The project now transitions to its second and third phases, which will be implemented in 2026."

7. Education: Advanced Referee Workshop 2025 in Beijing

ITTF URC offered a workshop for Advanced Referees and candidates. 11 participants attended the Workshop with the aim to raise officiating standards and equipping referees with the skills necessary to excel at the highest levels of table tennis.

8. Gold Badge Workshop 2025

ITTF URC offered an online Gold Badge Workshop to exchange experience and knowledge between Gold Badge Umpires. Updates and expectations for 2026 have been presented by WTT match officials coordinator Tina Crotta and ITTF URC.

9. International Referee School 2025

During 2025, one International Referees' School was held in Cuenca/Ecuador. Five Match Officials qualified as International Referees.

10. Match Officials Statistics

The number of Match Officials with active status 01.01.2026 is:

- 11 Advanced Referees (3 female)
- 109 Active International Referees (29 female)
- 28 Gold Badge Umpires (13 female)
- 225 Blue Badge Umpires (84 female)
- 1.623 Active International Umpires

11. Referee Toolbox

A toolbox is available for all referees and is updated regularly with the purpose of providing guidelines and help to standardise procedures in all tournaments.

12. Acknowledgement

I want to thank all URC members who participated in an active way. I would also like to thank the ITTF and WTT leaders and their staff members, especially Graeme, Tina, Raul, Karl, Dimos, Mohamed, Tiago, Bart, Omar and Katarzyna, for providing their full support to the work of the URC and for lending a hand in co-ordinating with the Associations, Organisers, and other agencies for the successful hosting of tournaments.

Werner THURY

Interim Chair of the ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee

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Propositions & Resolutions to the 2026 ITTF AGM

Proposition A-01

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board.

To adopt the new ITTF Constitution, which shall replace in its entirety the current ITTF Constitution (Chapter 1 of the ITTF Statutes).

Rationale:

This Proposition represents one of the most consequential governance decisions to be taken by the ITTF in its history. The ITTF Executive Board is firmly and unanimously convinced that the adoption of the new ITTF Constitution constitutes a necessary, timely, and decisive step forward for the Federation and for the future of table tennis worldwide.

This reform responds directly to the clear and explicit mandate conferred by the ITTF Membership at the 2025 Annual General Meeting to develop new ITTF Statutes for the next centenary. That mandate was not merely technical in nature; it reflected a shared understanding that the existing constitutional framework, while having served the Federation well in the past, no longer fully corresponds to the realities, scale, responsibilities, and expectations of a modern global sports federation.

The new ITTF Constitution is designed to provide a robust, coherent, and future-proof foundation for the governance of the ITTF over the coming decades. It strengthens clarity in institutional roles and decision-making, reinforces democratic representation and accountability, and embeds contemporary governance principles at the constitutional level. In doing so, it positions the ITTF to better protect the interests of its Members, athletes, and stakeholders, while enhancing the Federation's credibility and effectiveness on the global stage.

The Executive Board wishes to stress that this initiative is a deliberate and carefully considered decision to adopt a new constitutional instrument. Where existing provisions have proven effective, they have been preserved; where they no longer meet the needs of the Federation, they have been re-examined and modernized. This approach reflects both respect for the ITTF's institutional heritage and a clear commitment to innovation and progress.

The Constitution is the cornerstone of the ITTF Statutes: it defines the fundamental principles of governance, the balance of powers, and the mechanisms through which Members exercise their rights and participate in the life of the Federation. Establishing a strong and modern constitutional framework is therefore an essential prerequisite for the subsequent, orderly reform of Regulations and other statutory instruments.

Since the formal launch of the process on 1 September 2025, the Executive Board has overseen an inclusive, transparent, and consultative process. A process that has offered multiple opportunities for engagement and input across the ITTF Membership and broader ITTF community.

For these reasons, the Executive Board strongly and unequivocally recommends that the 2026 ITTF Annual General Meeting adopt the new ITTF Constitution. The Executive Board is fully confident that the Constitution will serve as a stable and modern foundation for the ITTF for the next 100 years, enabling the Federation to meet future challenges, seize new opportunities, and continue to grow and unite the global table tennis family.

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Proposition A-02

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Board

The admission of Mundo Tenis de Mesa as the new ITTF Member Association in Mexico.

Rationale:

Following a period of financial and operational distress, the FEMETEME formally notified the ITTF of its intention to withdraw from membership in accordance with the ITTF Statutes. The Secretariat confirmed all statutory procedural requirements were met. In accordance with the Statutes, the ITTF Secretariat engaged in discussions with the FEMETEME and relevant stakeholders to explore options for retaining membership. These consultations confirmed that withdrawal represented the most appropriate and orderly course of action in the circumstances. FEMETEME noted its intention to tie the effective date of withdrawal to the AGM outcome.

In parallel to this process, a newly constituted organization “Mundo Tenis de Mesa” has been established in Mexico to serve as the national governing body for table tennis. The applicant entity has submitted a complete application for ITTF membership in accordance with the ITTF Statutes. The withdrawal of FEMETEME and subsequent admission of the new entity is supported by the ITTF-Americas, and has been formally endorsed by the ITTF Executive Board.

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Proposition A-03

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the Hong Kong, China Table Tennis Association

To amend Rule 2.6.2 to read:

- 2.6.2 The server shall then project the ball near vertically upwards, **within 30 degrees of the vertical when measured by TTR**, without imparting spin, so that it rises at least 16cm after leaving the palm of the free hand and then falls without touching anything before being struck.

Rationale:

The intention of the original rule since 1987 was that the ball should be projected nearly vertically (absolute vertical would not be possible for players to comply). From 2024, Table Tennis Review has been implemented in many high-level tournaments of ITTF and WTT. With its implementation, a certain defined tolerance of nearly vertical was needed and 30 degrees was chosen. During its implementation, it was generally accepted by all players. It is therefore proposed to formally adopt 30 degrees as the tolerance of “nearly vertical”.

When Table Tennis Review is not implemented, the change of this rule would not have any impact to the overall service rule as the judgement of nearly vertical remains the decision of the umpires.

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Proposition A-04

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by USA Table Tennis

To amend Rule 2.9.1:

2.9 A LET

2.9.1. The rally shall be a let:

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2.9.1.6. if in service the table blocks the receiver from reaching the ball.

Rationale:

Some players cannot reach short serves due to physical limitations, especially among youth and Para players. This means the opponent can serve short backspin and win the point every time. There are videos of young players using these very short serves, frustrating their opponents who cannot reach the ball.

We believe every rally should have a service and an attempted return, and thus we propose that the receiver must be physically able to touch the ball. If the ball is served very short such that it is impossible for the receiver to reach it, the rally will be a let. However, it will not be a let if the receiver can't reach the ball due to the serve being very fast, or very deceptive, or at an extreme angle.

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Proposition A-05

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Bahrain (BRN), Djibouti (DJI), Eritrea (ERI), Kuwait (KUW), Morocco (MAR), Oman (OMA), Sudan (SUD), Syria (SYR), and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Current Article to be amended:

~~1.66. ROLE AND COMPOSITION~~

~~1.66.1. The ITTF Tribunal is the primary judicial body of the ITTF and is composed of up to 8 members.~~

~~1.66.2. The ITTF Tribunal shall have a Chair, a Deputy Chair, and up to 6 other members.~~

Proposed Amendment:

Composition and Functioning of the ITTF Tribunal

1.66A.1 The ITTF Tribunal shall consist of an odd number of members, not fewer than seven (7).

1.66A.2 All members of the ITTF Tribunal shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) through secret ballot, in accordance with electoral procedures set out in the Regulations.

1.66A.3 The composition of the ITTF Tribunal shall ensure that:

- At least one (1) member is elected from each continent (Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas, Oceania).
- No single continent shall hold more than thirty percent (30%) of the total seats.

1.66A.4 All members of the ITTF Tribunal shall:

- Be fluent in English; and
- Possess a proven legal background, whether as a practicing lawyer, former judge, or expert in sports law and arbitration.

1.66A.5 The term of office for members of the ITTF Tribunal shall be four (4) years, renewable only once.

1.66A.6 For any case, a Hearing Panel of three (3) members shall be constituted by the Chair of the ITTF Tribunal, provided that:

- No member of the Panel shall come from the continent directly connected to the dispute; and
- Due consideration is given to expertise relevant to the matter at hand.

1.66A.7 The Nominations Committee shall publish the list of candidates and vetting reports at least sixty (60) days prior to the elections.

1.66A.8 The ITTF Tribunal shall submit an annual report on its activities and decisions to the AGM for approval.

Article 1.66A – Immediate Effect of ITTF Tribunal Amendments

1.66A.9 The amendments to the ITTF Tribunal as set forth in Article 1.66A shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Annual General Meeting (AGM), without any further delay or transitional period.

1.66A.10 The first elections for members of the ITTF Tribunal under the new provisions shall be conducted at the AGM at which these amendments are approved, or at the next ordinary AGM thereafter, as determined by the Executive Board in consultation with the Nominations Committee.

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1.66A.11 All decisions, actions, and appointments made by the ITTF Tribunal following its election under these amendments shall be valid and binding from the date of election, and shall supersede any prior arrangements or interim measures.

1.66A.12 The Nominations Committee shall immediately commence the process of identifying and vetting candidates for the ITTF Tribunal upon AGM approval of these amendments, to ensure that elections can be held without unnecessary delay.

1.66A.13 During the transition period between AGM approval and the first election of members under the new provisions, the existing ITTF Tribunal shall continue to exercise its functions until its successors are duly elected and assume office.

Rationale:

- *To ensure greater transparency, neutrality, and continental balance in the composition and decision-making of the ITTF Tribunal.*
 - *To strengthen the independence of the Tribunal by entrusting its composition exclusively to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) rather than to appointments by the Executive Board.*
 - *To enhance the credibility of the Tribunal in the eyes of Member Associations and external stakeholders.*
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Proposition A-06

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Bahrain (BRN), Djibouti (DJI), Eritrea (ERI), Kuwait (KUW), Morocco (MAR), Oman (OMA), Sudan (SUD), Syria (SYR), and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Current Article to be amended:

~~1.73. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE~~

~~1.73.1. The Nominations Committee shall be composed of at least 6 members determined and appointed by the Executive Board including:~~

~~1.73.1.1. — individuals from nominations received from Associations in even numbered years;~~

~~1.73.1.2. — one Executive Vice President;~~

~~1.73.1.3. — all Continental Presidents; and~~

~~1.73.1.4. — such other person that the Executive Board deems qualified.~~

~~1.73.2. The Nominations Committee shall:~~

~~1.73.2.1. — verify the qualification and validity of nominations for office according to the ITTF Electoral and Appointment Regulations;~~

~~1.73.2.2. — supervise the allocation of nominees to Committees, Commissions, and such other key positions; and~~

~~1.73.2.3. — recommend to the AGM or the ITTF Council the composition of Committees, Commissions, and such other key bodies.~~

Proposed Amendment:

Nominations Committee

Article 1.73A – Creation of the Nominations Committee

1.73A.1 A Nominations Committee is established as an independent body within the ITTF.

1.73A.2 The General Assembly shall elect seven (7) members to the Committee by secret ballot.

1.73A.3 Fair continental representation shall be observed, and no continent may hold more than two (2) seats.

1.73A.4 No member of the Executive Board or the Council may be a candidate for membership of the Committee.

Article 1.73B – Membership Requirements

1.73B.1 Integrity, good standing, and no record of sporting or criminal sanctions within the last five (5) years.

1.73B.2 Professional, legal, or administrative experience of at least ten (10) years in sport or governance.

1.73B.3 Full independence from executive positions in the ITTF or Continental Federations throughout the term of office.

Article 1.73C – Term of Office

1.73C.1 The term of office shall be four (4) years, renewable only once.

1.73C.2 Membership shall terminate automatically in the event of a conflict of interest or a proven breach of integrity.

Article 1.73D – Mandate and Competences of the Nominations Committee

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1.73D.1 Verify the eligibility and validity of all nominations in accordance with the regulations for election and appointment.

1.73D.2 Supervise the distribution of candidates to the various committees, commissions, and key positions.

1.73D.3 Make recommendations to the General Assembly or the Council on the composition of committees, commissions, and key positions.

1.73D.4 Supervise the conduct of elections and validate the official results.

1.73D.5 Retain ballot papers, whether paper or electronic, for one month, then call for their destruction, supervise it, and certify it.

1.73D.6 Review and decide on any allegations of breaches of election regulations during the electoral process by:

- reviewing the reports submitted
- notifying the candidate concerned
- giving the candidate an opportunity to respond
- issuing a written decision without delay

1.73D.7 Refer any violations that come to light after the end of the electoral process to the Integrity Unit.

1.73D.8 Prepare and publish the final list of eligible candidates after the vetting process is complete.

Article 1.73E – Independence and Oversight

1.73E.1 The Nominations Committee shall report directly to the General Assembly.

1.73E.2 The Committee shall not be subject to direction or interference from the President, the Executive Board, or the Council.

Article 1.73F – Transitional Provisions

1.73F.1 The outgoing Nominations Committee shall remain in office for sixty (60) days after the elections to ensure continuity of work and avoid any institutional vacuum.

1.73F.2 During this period, the outgoing Committee shall cooperate fully with the newly elected Committee and make available to it all relevant files and documents.

1.73F.3 The newly elected Committee shall formally assume its duties through a handover protocol signed by both parties and submitted to the General Assembly.

Rationale:

Purpose

- *To transform the Nominations Committee into a neutral body that guarantees fairness and integrity in nominations and elections.*

Legal Effect

- *Election by the General Assembly provides legitimacy and independence from the Executive Board.*
 - *Authority to vet candidates, supervise ballots, adjudicate preliminary appeals, and validate results.*
 - *Entrusted exclusively with safeguarding the integrity of the electoral process from start to finish*
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Proposition A-07

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Bahrain (BRN), Djibouti (DJI), Eritrea (ERI), Kuwait (KUW), Morocco (MAR), Oman (OMA), Sudan (SUD), Syria (SYR), and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Current Article to be amended:

Unclear.

Proposed Amendment:

Integrity Unit

Article 1X1 – Election Procedure

Elections shall be conducted during the Ordinary General Assembly.

Each National Association may nominate only one candidate.

Elections shall be by secret ballot, and candidates shall be elected by a simple majority of members present.

The elected member shall be the candidate receiving the highest votes within their continental group.

Article 1X2 – Composition

1X2.1 The Integrity Unit shall consist of ten (9) members elected by the General Assembly.

1X2.2 Continental representation shall be as follows:

- Africa: 2 members

- Asia: 2 members

- Europe: 2 members

- The Americas: 2 members

- Oceania: 1 member

Article 1X3 – Term of Office

1X3.1 The term of office shall be four years, renewable only once.

1X3.2 Membership shall automatically terminate if a member is found guilty of integrity violations, corruption, or conflict of interest.

Article 1X4 – Eligibility Criteria

1X4.1 Candidates must demonstrate integrity and good reputation and must not have been subject to any sporting or criminal sanction in the past five years.

1X4.2 Candidates must have expertise in governance, auditing, compliance, or anti-corruption.

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Candidates must be fully independent and may not hold any executive position in the ITTF or continental federations during candidacy or membership.

Article 1X5 – Safeguards Against Exploitation and Discrimination

1X5.1 Elections shall be conducted on the basis of full equality, without discrimination based on gender, race, religion, belief, or political affiliation.

1X5.2 Offering or accepting any financial or material benefit to influence the electoral process is strictly prohibited.

1X5.2.1 Election results shall be announced immediately and transparently.

1X5.2.2 Appeals regarding election results may be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) within fifteen (15) days from the publication of results.

Article 1X6 – Independence and Reporting

1X6.1 The Integrity Unit shall report directly to the General Assembly.

1X6.2 The Unit shall not be subject to direction or interference from the President, the Executive Board, or any other body.

1X6.3 The Unit shall have an independent budget approved annually by the General Assembly.

Article (1X7) – Entry into Force and Sanction

The amendments to Division 5: Integrity Unit shall enter into force as of the date of their approval by the General Assembly and shall be binding on all bodies, units, and persons subject to the Statutes. Any entity or unit established in violation of, or acting contrary to, these amendments, or infringing upon the independence or mandate of the Integrity Unit, shall be automatically dissolved as of the date the breach is established, without prejudice to any further legal or disciplinary liability.

Rationale:

Explanation

The amendment enhances Chapter 1 by embedding clear standards of good governance and accountability. It addresses continental balance, ensures transparency through mandatory reporting, and reinforces ethical conduct. It also broadens non-discrimination principles to protect linguistic and cultural diversity, aligning ITTF governance with modern international best practices.

Purpose

To ensure the transformation of the Integrity Unit into a democratically elected body representing all continents and National Associations, acting as a guardian of integrity free from any executive influence.

Legal Effect

- 1- The Integrity Board will be formed through direct election by the General Assembly.*
- 2- Mandatory continental representation guarantees geographic fairness.*

Article 1.69C – Immediate Effect of Integrity Unit Amendments

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- *1.69C.1 The amendments to the Integrity Unit as set forth in Article 1.69A bis shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Annual General Meeting (AGM), without any further delay or transitional period.*
 - *1.69C.2 The first elections for members of the Integrity Unit under the new provisions shall be conducted at the AGM at which these amendments are approved, or at the next ordinary AGM thereafter, as determined by the Executive Board in consultation with the Nominations Committee.*
 - *1.69C.3 All decisions, actions, and appointments made by the Integrity Unit following its election under these amendments shall be valid and binding from the date of election, and shall supersede any prior arrangements or interim measures.*
 - *1.69C.4 The Nominations Committee shall immediately commence the process of identifying and vetting candidates for the Integrity Unit upon AGM approval of these amendments, to ensure that elections can be held without unnecessary delay.*
 - *1.69C.5 During the transition period between AGM approval and the first election of members under the new provisions, the existing Integrity Unit shall continue to exercise its functions until its successors are duly elected and assume office.*
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Proposition A-08

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Bahrain (BRN), Eritrea (ERI), Kuwait (KUW), Morocco (MAR), Oman (OMA), Sudan (SUD), Syria (SYR), and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Current Article to be amended:

Division 1: Eligibility for Office

1.86. NOMINATIONS

~~1.86.1. Nominations for President, Executive Vice Presidents, and members of the ITTF Council or Committees may be made only by the Association of which the nominee is a member or Official;~~

~~1.86.2. If the nomination under Article 1.86.1 is withdrawn after the nominee has been elected or appointed, they may be removed from their post only by a Two-Thirds Majority vote of the body entitled to elect or appoint them, unless otherwise stated in the Statutes.~~

~~1.86.3. Nominations for President, Executive Vice Presidents, members of the ITTF Council and Committees should be made by 90 days before the date of the AGM where the elections or appointments are to be held.~~

~~1.86.4. No more than 1 person from an Association may be nominated for the Executive Board and no person may be nominated for more than 1 post of the Executive Board.~~

~~1.86.5. A nominee of an Association that is in arrears shall not be eligible for election or appointment.~~

Proposed Amendment:

Article 1.86A – Scope of Application

1.86A.1 The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all elected offices within the ITTF, including:

- the President,
- Vice Presidents,
- members of the Executive Board,
- Chairs and members of Committees elected by the General Assembly.

1.86A.2 These provisions shall not apply to Committees or bodies appointed by the Executive Board or the President, unless expressly provided for in the Statutes.

Article 1.86B – Eligibility Requirements

1.86B.1 Each National Association may nominate only one (1) candidate for each vacant office.

1.86B.2 Candidates must: possess integrity and good standing, have no criminal or sporting sanctions within the last five (5) years, and be free from conflicts of interest.

Article 1.86C – Electoral Campaigns

1.86C.1 Campaigns shall commence upon approval of the candidate list by the Nominations Committee.

1.86C.2 Candidates are prohibited from using ITTF or Continental Federation resources in their campaigns.

12.3.3. Vote-buying, gifts, or undue advantages are strictly prohibited and shall constitute a serious breach, leading to disqualification and referral to the Integrity Unit.

Article 1.86D – Cooling-off Period

1.86D.1 Candidates for the President, Vice Presidents, and Executive Board members shall be prohibited from exercising executive functions within the ITTF during the sixty (60) days preceding elections.

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1.86D.2 They may promote their electoral programs provided such activities comply with these Statutes.

Article 1.86E – Voting Procedures

1.86E.1 All elections shall be conducted exclusively by secret in-person ballot.

1.86E.2 Electronic or remote voting shall not be permitted.

1.86E.3 Elections shall be supervised by the Nominations Committee and observed by two (2) monitors from each continent to ensure fairness.

Article 1.86F – Electoral Appeals

1.86F.1 The Nominations Committee shall hear all preliminary appeals related to the electoral process.

1.86F.2 Decisions of the Nominations Committee may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) within fifteen (15) days of the announcement of results.

1.86F.3 CAS awards shall be final and binding on all parties.

Article 1.86G – Transparency and Disclosure

1.86G.1 Election results shall be announced immediately and published on the official ITTF website.

1.86G.2 The Nominations Committee shall retain ballot records and voting papers for one (1) month, after which they shall be destroyed under the Committee's supervision, with the destruction formally recorded.

Rationale:

Purpose:

- To establish a unified legal framework governing all elections for ITTF offices (President, Vice Presidents, Executive Board members, and Committees elected by the General Assembly).
- To guarantee transparency, integrity, and equal opportunity for all candidates.
- To ensure independent international oversight and strengthen trust in the electoral process.

Legal Effect:

- The electoral process becomes fully codified, covering candidacy, campaigns, voting, results, and appeals.
- Mandatory in-person secret ballots prevent technological vulnerabilities or disputes related to remote or electronic voting.
- The cooling-off period for executive candidates ensures neutrality and prevents misuse of office.
- Continental observers provide an additional layer of oversight and reduce risks of perceived bias.
- Appeals follow a clear path: from the Nominations Committee to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), providing final and binding adjudication.

Explanation:

1. The adoption of unified electoral rules addresses gaps exposed during past presidential elections and prevents future disputes.
2. These provisions reassure the General Assembly that elections are fair, transparent, and that every vote is protected.
3. Continental oversight gives each National Association confidence that elections are not controlled by a single group but monitored collectively.
4. The prohibition of vote-buying and gifts eliminates avenues for financial or political corruption.
5. Appeals to CAS ensure that disputes are resolved outside ITTF bodies, reinforcing the legitimacy and credibility of electoral outcomes.

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Proposition A-09

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Bahrain (BRN), Djibouti (DJI), Eritrea (ERI), Kuwait (KUW), Morocco (MAR), Oman (OMA), Sudan (SUD), Syria (SYR), and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Current Article to be amended:

Unclear.

Proposed Amendment:

ITTF Council and Executive Board

3.6 – Continental Balance in Appointed Positions

3.6.10 All appointed positions within the ITTF – including but not limited to the Secretary General, Chief Executive Officer shall reflect a balanced continental distribution.

3.6.11 No single continent shall occupy more than thirty percent (30%) of the total appointed positions in senior management.

3.6.12 Any appointment that would cause a continent to exceed the thirty percent (30%) threshold shall be null and void.

3.6.13 The Nominations Committee shall ensure, prior to any appointment, that proposed candidates comply with the continental balance requirements.

3.6.14 In the event of a vacancy, the appointment of a replacement must respect the continental balance set out in this Article.

3.1 – Composition and Representation

3.1.10 The ITTF Council and the Executive Board shall ensure balanced continental representation.

3.1.11 No continent shall occupy more than thirty percent (30%) of the seats in either body.

3.1.12 At least one member from each continent (Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas, Oceania) must be represented in the composition of both the Council and the Executive Board.

3.2 – Gender Equality

3.2.10 The Council and the Executive Board shall be committed to the principle of gender equality.

3.2.11 The representation of either gender shall not be less than thirty percent (30%) of the total number of seats.

3.3 – Term of Office

3.3.10 The term of office for members of the Council and the Executive Board shall be four (4) years.

3.3.11 They may be re-elected or re-appointed only once, for a maximum of eight (8) consecutive years.

3.4 – Transparency and Accountability

3.4.10 The Executive Board shall publish the minutes of its meetings and its decisions within thirty (30) days, and they shall be made available to all Member Associations.

3.4.11 The Council shall review the annual reports and financial statements of the Executive Board and submit them to the General Assembly for approval.

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3.5 – Oversight of Delegated Powers

3.5.10 Any delegated powers or appointments made by the Executive Board shall be subject to the approval of the Council or the General Assembly, as appropriate.

Rationale:

Legal Effect

- *Applies the continental balance rule only to appointed positions (Secretary General, CEO, Directors, senior officers).*
- *Limits any single continent to a maximum of 30% of appointed positions.*
- *Declares appointments violating this rule null and void.*
- *Assigns oversight role to the Nominations Committee.*
- *Requires replacements in case of vacancies to comply with balance.*

Explanation

1 *This amendment targets appointed positions, where risks of imbalance are higher due to non-electoral processes.*

2 *It ensures fair representation in senior management without affecting elected posts.*

3 *It strengthens transparency and inclusivity in appointments while preserving democratic outcomes in elections.*

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Proposition A-10

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Mauritania (MTN) and Yemen (YEM)

Current Article to be amended:

~~1.86. NOMINATIONS~~

~~1.86.1. Nominations for President, Executive Vice Presidents, and members of the ITTF Council or Committees may be made only by the Association of which the nominee is a member or Official;~~

~~1.86.2. If the nomination under Article 1.86.1 is withdrawn after the nominee has been elected or appointed, they may be removed from their post only by a Two-Thirds Majority vote of the body entitled to elect or appoint them, unless otherwise stated in the Statutes.~~

~~1.86.3. Nominations for President, Executive Vice Presidents, members of the ITTF Council and Committees should be made by 90 days before the date of the AGM where the elections or appointments are to be held.~~

~~1.86.4. No more than 1 person from an Association may be nominated for the Executive Board and no person may be nominated for more than 1 post of the Executive Board.~~

~~1.86.5. A nominee of an Association that is in arrears shall not be eligible for election or appointment.~~

Proposed Amendment:

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE & ELECTORAL FRAMEWORK

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ARTICLE 1.86A – SCOPE OF APPLICATION

1.86A.1 The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all elected offices within the ITTF, including:

- the President,
- the Deputy President,
- members of the Executive Board,
- the Integrity and Nomination Committee elected by the Annual General Meeting.

1.86A.2 These provisions shall not apply to Committees or bodies appointed by the Executive Board or the President, unless expressly provided for in the Statutes.

ARTICLE 1.86B – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1.86B.1 Each National Association may nominate only one (1) candidate for each vacant office.

1.86B.2 Candidates must: possess integrity and good standing, have no criminal or sporting sanctions, and be free from conflicts of interest. For the purposes of this article, "good standing" shall mean a candidate has a consistently positive and ethical reputation within the sporting community and has not been subject to any disciplinary actions that would bring the sport into disrepute.

ARTICLE 1.86C – ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS

1.86C.1 Campaigns shall commence upon approval of the candidate list by the Nominations Committee.

1.86C.2 Candidates are prohibited from using ITTF or Continental Federation resources in their campaigns.

1.86C.3 Vote-buying, gifts, or undue advantages are strictly prohibited and shall constitute a serious breach, leading to disqualification and referral to the Integrity Board. Clear and comprehensive guidelines

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defining "undue advantage" shall be established and approved by the Annual General Meeting to ensure consistent and fair application of this rule.

ARTICLE 1.86D – COOLING-OFF PERIOD

1.86D.1 Candidates for the President, Deputy President, and Executive Board members shall be prohibited from exercising executive functions within the ITTF during the sixty (60) days preceding elections.

1.86D.2 They may promote their electoral programs provided such activities comply with these Statutes.

ARTICLE 1.86E – VOTING PROCEDURES

1.86E.1 All elections shall be conducted exclusively by secret in-person ballot.

1.86E.2 Electronic or remote voting shall not be permitted.

1.86E.3 Elections shall be supervised by the Nominations Committee and observed by two (2) monitors from each continent to ensure fairness.

ARTICLE 1.86F – ELECTORAL APPEALS

1.86F.1 The Nominations Committee shall hear all preliminary appeals related to the electoral process.

1.86F.2 Decisions of the Nominations Committee may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) within twenty-one (21) days of the announcement of results.

1.86F.3 CAS decisions shall be final and binding on all parties.

ARTICLE 1.86G – TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURE

1.86G.1 Election results shall be announced immediately and published on the official ITTF website.

1.86G.2 The Nominations Committee shall retain ballot records and voting papers for ninety (90) days, after which they shall be destroyed under the Committee's supervision, with the destruction formally recorded. In the event of an ongoing legal case or formal dispute, the retention period shall be extended until the final resolution of the matter.

Rationale:

Purpose:

To establish a unified legal framework governing all elections for ITTF offices (President, Deputy President, Executive Board members, and Committees elected by the Annual General Meeting). This framework ensures transparency, integrity, and equal opportunity for all candidates while strengthening trust in the electoral process through independent international oversight.

Legal Effect:

- The electoral process becomes fully codified, covering candidacy, campaigns, voting, results, and appeals.*
- Mandatory in-person secret ballots prevent technological vulnerabilities or disputes related to remote or electronic voting.*
- The cooling-off period for executive candidates ensures neutrality and prevents misuse of office.*
- Continental observers provide an additional layer of oversight and reduce risks of perceived bias.*

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• *Appeals follow a clear path: from the Nominations Committee to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), providing final and binding adjudication.*

Explanation:

The adoption of unified electoral rules addresses gaps exposed during past presidential elections and prevents future disputes. These provisions reassure the Annual General Meeting that elections are fair, transparent, and that every vote is protected. Continental oversight gives each National Association confidence that elections are not controlled by a single group but monitored collectively. The prohibition of vote-buying and gifts eliminates avenues for financial or political corruption. Appeals to CAS ensure that disputes are resolved outside ITTF bodies, reinforcing the legitimacy and credibility of electoral outcomes.

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Proposition A-11

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Mauritania (MTN) and Yemen (YEM)

Current Article to be amended:

~~1.49. ELECTIONS~~

~~1.49.1. Where there are more candidates for a position than the number of vacancies, if a Simple Majority is not reached, additional ballots will be required. In such a case, the candidate obtaining the lowest number of votes will be eliminated.~~

~~1.49.2. If there is a tie for the lowest number of votes, a further vote shall be held to determine who amongst them will be eliminated.~~

~~1.49.3. 1.49.4. Consecutive ballots will be taken until the election is decided. At an election, any ballot paper shall be considered valid only if the number of votes cast on this ballot tallies with the number of vacancies.~~

Proposed Amendment:

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

CHAPTER 1: ITTF CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.49A – ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

1.49A.1 Election

The Deputy President shall be elected by direct secret ballot of the Annual General Meeting.

1.49A.2 Term of Office

The term of office shall be four (4) years, renewable once only.

1.49A.3 Removal from Office

Removal from office shall be possible only by decision of the Annual General Meeting adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present and voting. This provision applies equally to the President, Deputy President, and all elected members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 1.49A.2 – INDEPENDENCE AND OBLIGATIONS

1.49A.2.1 Independence

The Deputy President shall act independently in the performance of duties and shall represent the Annual General Meeting rather than being subordinate to the President.

1.49A.2.2 Compliance and Accountability

The Deputy President shall comply with the Statutes and Executive Regulations and shall be directly accountable to the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 1.49A.3 – POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

The Deputy President shall, in particular:

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1.49A.3.1 Chair meetings of the Executive Board or the Annual General Meeting in the absence of the President.

1.49A.3.2 Monitor the implementation of decisions adopted by the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Board.

1.49A.3.3 Submit periodic reports to the Annual General Meeting on the progress of work.

1.49A.3.4 Temporarily assume the duties of the President in case of absence or incapacity until the impediment is removed or a new President is elected in accordance with the Statutes.

Rationale:

Purpose:

To ensure that the office of Deputy President enjoys democratic legitimacy through direct election by the Annual General Meeting, making the Deputy President a representative of all members rather than an appointee of the President. This reform establishes a balance of power within ITTF governance and institutionalizes a distributed leadership structure.

Legal Effect:

- The Deputy President is elected directly by the Annual General Meeting, not appointed by the President, granting full independence and collective legitimacy.*
- A fixed four-year term, renewable once, ensures rotation of responsibility and prevents entrenchment.*
- Clearly defined powers (chairing meetings in the President's absence, monitoring implementation of decisions, submitting reports, temporarily assuming presidential duties) provide clarity and avoid overlap of authority.*
- The removal provision applies equally to the President, Deputy President, and all elected Executive Board members, ensuring consistent accountability standards.*

Explanation:

In the absence of clear provisions, the position of Deputy President was previously subject to appointment or designation by the President, concentrating power in a single individual. Direct election by the Annual General Meeting grants the Deputy President full independence and collective legitimacy. A fixed four-year term, renewable once, ensures rotation of responsibility and prevents entrenchment. Clearly defined powers (chairing meetings in the President's absence, monitoring implementation of decisions, submitting reports, temporarily assuming presidential duties) provide clarity and avoid overlap of authority. This provision institutionalizes a balance of power within the ITTF and builds members' confidence in a more distributed and transparent leadership.

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Proposition A-12

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Mauritania (MTN) and Yemen (YEM)

Current Article to be amended:

~~1.49. ELECTIONS~~

~~1.49.1. Where there are more candidates for a position than the number of vacancies, if a Simple Majority is not reached, additional ballots will be required. In such a case, the candidate obtaining the lowest number of votes will be eliminated.~~

~~1.49.2. If there is a tie for the lowest number of votes, a further vote shall be held to determine who amongst them will be eliminated.~~

~~1.49.3. 1.49.4. Consecutive ballots will be taken until the election is decided. At an election, any ballot paper shall be considered valid only if the number of votes cast on this ballot tallies with the number of vacancies.~~

Proposed Amendment:

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE

CHAPTER 1: ITTF CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.49B – ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE

1.49B.1 – Election and Term of Office

1.49B.1.1 The Vice President for Finance shall be elected by secret ballot of the Annual General Meeting.

1.49B.1.2 The term shall be four (4) years, renewable once only.

1.49B.1.3 Removal shall be possible only by decision of the Annual General Meeting with a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

ARTICLE 1.49B.2 – INDEPENDENCE AND OBLIGATIONS

1.49B.2.1 The Vice President for Finance shall act independently in performing duties.

1.49B.2.2 The Vice President shall comply with the Statutes, Financial Regulations, and approved budget.

1.49B.2.3 The Vice President for Finance shall be directly accountable to the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 1.49B.3 – POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

1.49B.3.1 Oversee preparation and review of the annual itemized budget.

1.49B.3.2 Monitor implementation of the Annual General Meeting's financial decisions.

1.49B.3.3 Supervise the Audit

Rationale:

Purpose:

To enhance financial transparency by establishing an elected, independent office that monitors the budget and expenditures and reports directly to the Annual General Meeting. This reform transfers financial oversight authority from the President to an elected representative accountable to all members.

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Legal Effect:

- *The position is elected by the Annual General Meeting rather than appointed by the President, ensuring independence.*
- *A limited term, renewable once, prevents entrenchment.*
- *Mandatory annual reports covering presidential and Executive Board expenses strengthen fiscal discipline.*
- *Certification by the Independent Financial Auditor provides external assurance and builds credibility with members and sponsors.*

Explanation:

Previously, the position was appointed by the President, compromising independence. Election by the Annual General Meeting transfers authority to all members, making the office accountable to them. Mandatory annual reports covering presidential and Executive Board expenses strengthen fiscal discipline. Certification by the Independent Financial Auditor provides external assurance and builds credibility with members and sponsors. These reforms align the ITTF with leading international federations such as FIFA and the IOC, which have adopted the highest standards of financial governance.

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Proposition A-13

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Mauritania (MTN) and Yemen (YEM)

Current Article to be amended:

~~1.97. ACCOUNTS~~

~~1.97.1. The financial year of the ITTF shall be from 1st January to 31st December.~~

~~1.97.2. The Executive Vice-President for Finances shall ensure that an annual statement of accounts be prepared, which shall be audited by professional auditors, and that a yearly and quadrennial estimate of income and expenditure be presented.~~

~~1.97.3. The bank accounts of the ITTF shall be held at banks appointed by resolution of the Executive Board.~~

~~1.97.4. The power of signature on the ITTF bank accounts shall be restricted to the Trustees and the ITTF operational staff and decided by the Executive Board. Individual signatures on any ITTF bank account shall be avoided.~~

Proposed Amendment:

FINANCIAL REPORTING, AUDIT & TRANSPARENCY

CHAPTER 1: ITTF CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.98A – FINANCIAL REPORTING

1.98A.1 The ITTF shall present annual financial reports that are detailed and separate for each affiliated entity, including but not limited to:

- The ITTF Foundation,
- World Table Tennis (WTT) or any other commercial entity owned or controlled by the ITTF,
- Any additional entity established under the ITTF framework.

1.98A.2 The financial reports of such entities shall not be consolidated with the general ITTF financial report.

1.98A.3 All financial reports shall be sent to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 1.98B – FINANCIAL AUDIT

1.98B.1 Each affiliated entity shall submit its financial report to the Annual General Meeting accompanied by audited financial statements certified by an independent external auditor.

1.98B.2 The central ITTF financial report shall likewise be subject to an external audit conducted by an independent and certified auditor.

1.98B.3 The independent auditor shall report directly to the Annual General Meeting and not through the President or the Executive Board. The mechanism for the submission and circulation of the auditor's report to the members of the Annual General Meeting shall be defined in the ITTF's internal regulations.

ARTICLE 1.98C – TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURE

1.98C.1 All audited financial reports, once approved, shall be published on the official ITTF website for access by all members and the public.

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1.98C.2 Any failure or refusal to submit financial reports on time shall render the responsible official liable to accountability before the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 1.98D – ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

1.98D.1 Administrative expenses of the ITTF shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total annual budget of the ITTF.

ARTICLE 1.98E – TENDER AND PROCUREMENT

1.98E.1 The ITTF shall establish and adhere to a clear and transparent tender process for all procurement of goods and services exceeding a value to be defined in the ITTF's internal regulations. These regulations shall be approved by the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale:

Purpose:

To ensure that the financial resources of the ITTF are managed with full transparency and to prevent the commingling of ITTF accounts with those of its affiliated entities such as the Foundation and WTT. This reform strengthens independent oversight and builds trust among National Associations, the public, and sponsors.

Legal Effect:

- Obligates the Executive Management to present an annual detailed budget with separate lines for the President, Executive Board, and Executive Management.*
- Requires affiliated entities to submit separate and audited financial reports.*
- Independent auditors report directly to the Annual General Meeting, bypassing the President and the Executive Board.*
- Mandates the publication of audited reports on the ITTF's official website for access by members and the public.*
- Establishes direct accountability for any delay or refusal in submitting reports.*

Explanation:

Under the previous system, consolidation of accounts allowed room for hidden or mixed expenditures. The new provisions completely close this gap. Independent auditors reporting directly to the Annual General Meeting strengthen transparency and eliminate political or administrative interference. Publishing budgets and audited reports enhances trust among National Associations, the public, and sponsors. The accountability clause ensures that financial and administrative officials answer directly to the Annual General Meeting, not solely to the President. These reforms align the ITTF with leading international federations such as FIFA and the IOC, which have adopted the highest standards of financial governance.

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Proposition A-14

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Mauritania (MTN) and Yemen (YEM)

Current Article to be amended:

Unclear.

Proposed Amendment:

CONTINENTAL BALANCE IN APPOINTED POSITIONS

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ARTICLE 3.6 – CONTINENTAL BALANCE IN APPOINTED POSITIONS

3.6.10 All appointed positions within the ITTF – including but not limited to the Secretary General, Chief Executive Officer, Directors, and equivalent offices – shall reflect a balanced continental distribution.

3.6.11 No single continent shall occupy more than thirty percent (30%) of the total appointed positions in senior management.

3.6.12 Any appointment that would cause a continent to exceed the thirty percent (30%) threshold shall be null and void.

3.6.13 The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for verifying that all proposed appointments comply with the continental balance requirements prior to their finalization. However, the CEO shall not participate in the candidate selection, nomination, or decision-making process for these appointments to maintain impartiality and fairness.

3.6.14 In the event of a vacancy, the appointment of a replacement must respect the continental balance set out in this Article.

Rationale:

Purpose:

To ensure fair representation in senior management appointments by applying continental balance rules to appointed positions, where risks of imbalance are higher due to non-electoral processes. This amendment strengthens transparency and inclusivity in appointments while preserving democratic outcomes in elections.

Legal Effect:

- Applies the continental balance rule only to appointed positions (Secretary General, CEO, Directors, senior officers).*
- Limits any single continent to a maximum of 30% of appointed positions.*
- Declares appointments violating this rule null and void.*
- Assigns oversight role to the Nominations Committee.*
- Requires replacements in case of vacancies to comply with balance requirements.*

Explanation:

This amendment targets appointed positions, where risks of imbalance are higher due to non-electoral processes. It ensures fair representation in senior management without affecting elected posts. The CEO is responsible for verifying compliance but does not participate in candidate selection, nomination, or

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decision-making to maintain impartiality and fairness. It strengthens transparency and inclusivity in appointments while preserving democratic outcomes in elections.

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Proposition A-15

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the Member Associations of Bahrain (BRN), Mauritania (MTN) and Yemen (YEM)

Current Article to be amended:

Unclear.

Proposed Amendment:

COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE BOARD GOVERNANCE

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ARTICLE 3.1 – COMPOSITION AND REPRESENTATION

3.1.10 The ITTF Council and the Executive Board shall ensure balanced continental representation.

3.1.11 No continent shall hold more than thirty percent (30%) of the seats in either body.

3.1.12 At least one (1) member from each continent (Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas, Oceania) shall be included in the composition of both the Council and the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 3.2 – GENDER EQUALITY

3.2.10 Both the Council and the Executive Board shall respect gender equality.

3.2.11 Neither gender shall represent less than thirty percent (30%) of the total seats.

ARTICLE 3.3 – TERM OF OFFICE

3.3.10 Members of the Council and the Executive Board shall serve a term of four (4) years.

3.3.11 Members may be re-elected or re-appointed only once, for a maximum of eight (8) consecutive years.

ARTICLE 3.4 – TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

3.4.10 The Executive Board shall publish the minutes and decisions of its meetings within thirty (30) days, accessible to all Member Associations.

3.4.11 The Council shall review annual activity reports and financial statements of the Executive Board and submit them to the AGM for approval.

ARTICLE 3.5 – OVERSIGHT OF DELEGATED POWERS

3.5.10 Any delegation of powers or appointments made by the Executive Board shall be subject to confirmation by the Council or the AGM, as applicable.

3.5.11 The Council may establish ad hoc committees to monitor the exercise of delegated powers and report to the AGM.

Rationale:

Purpose:

To reinforce fairness and inclusivity in ITTF governance by ensuring balanced continental and gender representation, implementing term limits to prevent power concentration, and strengthening transparency through mandatory publication of decisions and oversight of delegated powers.

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Legal Effect:

- *Introduces continental balance: no continent above 30%, at least one member from each continent.*
- *Establishes gender equality: neither gender below 30%.*
- *Limits term of office: 4 years, renewable once (maximum 8 consecutive years).*
- *Ensures transparency: mandatory publication of Executive Board minutes and decisions within 30 days.*
- *Strengthens accountability: Council reviews Executive Board reports and submits them to AGM.*
- *Adds oversight: delegated powers or appointments must be confirmed by Council or AGM.*

Explanation:

The amendment reinforces fairness and inclusivity in ITTF governance by ensuring balanced continental and gender representation. It prevents long-term concentration of power through term limits. It improves transparency with publication of decisions and oversight of delegated powers. It empowers the Council with a stronger supervisory role over the Executive Board, enhancing trust among Member Associations and aligning ITTF with best international governance practices.
