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The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), founded in 1926, is the world governing body of the sport of table tennis, with 227 member Associations in the world.

The ITTF supervises the staging of the World Championships annually and several other world title events. Around 120 international tournaments are sanctioned by the ITTF yearly. Its main function is to govern and develop the sport for the benefit of over thirty million competitive players worldwide.

Table Tennis is an Olympic and Paralympic sport and is part of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games programme as well as in many other Multisport Games.

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DEFINITIONS

Athlete	any natural person who competes in Table Tennis and Para Table Tennis, and any other form of Table Tennis, and is affiliated to a Member, a Continental Federation, or otherwise recognised by the ITTF pursuant to this Constitution and applicable Regulations.
Athlete Representative	the Athlete Representative in the Executive Board, as further defined in Article 11.4 of this Constitution.
Agenda	a document containing all relevant items to be discussed at a meeting
Annual Report	a yearly publication depicting the activities undertaken and other relevant information as required.
Associate Member	a Member admitted under Part V with limited rights and obligations, as defined in this Constitution.
Athlete Support Personnel	any coach, trainer, manager, Athlete representative, agent, team staff member, official, medical or para-medical personnel, family member or any other person employed by or working with an Athlete or the associated organisation affiliated with the Athlete.
Casting Vote	A vote given in order to break an equality of votes.
Constitution	this Constitution of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).
Continental Federation	the continental body recognised under this Constitution as the sole representative organisation of Members within a defined continent.
Council	the ITTF Council constituted under Part III.
Ex Officio	by virtue of an office or position, without voting rights.
Executive Board	the ITTF Executive Board constituted under Part III.
Extraordinary General Assembly (or EGA)	an extraordinary general assembly of the ITTF, as further described in Article 9.17.
Financial Year	A twelve (12) months period from 1 January until 31 December used for accounting purposes.
Four-Fifths Majority	four-fifths majority of persons taking part in the vote, not counting abstentions.
Full Member	a Member admitted under Part V with full constitutional rights, subject to continuous compliance with this Constitution.
General Assembly	the supreme authority of the ITTF constituted under Part III.
Independence Criteria	the criteria as set out in Article 7.4 of this Constitution.
Integrity Office	the independent integrity structure established under Part VIII.

IOC	the International Olympic Committee, which is the international governing body responsible for the Olympic Movement, including the Olympic Games.
IPC	the International Paralympic Committee, which is the international governing body responsible for the Paralympic Movement, including the Paralympic Games.
ITTF	the International Table Tennis Federation, the world governing body of Table Tennis, including any of its subsidiaries.
ITTF Foundation	the ITTF Foundation, the subsidiary of ITTF responsible for carrying out the corporate social responsibilities of ITTF, including any of its subsidiaries.
ITTF Tribunal	the ITTF Tribunal, which is the primary judicial body of the ITTF, further described in Chapter 47.
Member	an organisation admitted to membership of the ITTF in accordance with this Constitution and Regulations, whether as a Full Member or Associate Member.
Minutes	official record of the proceedings of a meeting
Office Holder	any person elected or appointed to a position within an ITTF constitutional body.
Para Table Tennis	the sport of Para Table Tennis, as modified and organised under its respective Rules and Regulations.
Policies	instruments expressing strategic direction, interpretive guidance, or recommended practices, adopted pursuant to Article 8.4 of this Constitution
Pre-Existing Instruments	All statutes, regulations, rules, directives, circulars, and policies in force immediately prior to entry into force of this Constitution
Quorum	the minimum number or proportion of Members entitled to vote that must be present for a body to validly deliberate and take decisions, as defined in this Constitution.
Regulations	binding normative instruments adopted pursuant to Article 8.2 of this Constitution.
Rules	binding normative instruments of technical or operational nature governing the conduct, organisation, or technical aspects of Table Tennis, adopted pursuant to Article 8.3 of this Constitution.
Secretary General	the sole chief officer of the ITTF Secretariat, as defined in Part III.
Simple Majority	a majority (more than 50%) of persons taking part in the vote, not counting abstentions.
Statutes	the collection of binding normative instruments of the ITTF, consisting of this Constitution, and Regulations and Rules adopted pursuant to it.

Table Tennis	the sport governed by the ITTF in all authorised forms, including approved variants and approved digital or virtual formats falling within the ITTF's regulatory competence.
Territory	any self-governing geographical area of the world, which is autonomous in the control of sport, and as recognised as such by the IOC or the ITTF.
Three-Quarters Majority	three-quarters majority of persons taking part in the vote, not counting abstentions.
Two-Thirds Majority	two-thirds majority of persons taking part in the vote, not counting abstentions.
Votes Cast	valid affirmative or negative votes cast, excluding abstentions and invalid ballots, unless expressly provided otherwise.
WADA	the World Anti-Doping Agency, the international organisation founded by the IOC to combat doping in sports.
World Title Event (or World Title Competition)	the collective reference of the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals, the ITTF World Masters Championships, the ITTF World Youth Championships, the ITTF World Para Table Tennis Championships, the ITTF World Cups, and such other similar tier events as designated by the Executive Board.
WTT	World Table Tennis Pte. Ltd., the subsidiary of the ITTF responsible for exploiting the commercial rights of the ITTF, including any of its subsidiaries.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION (ITTF)

PREAMBLE

Recognizing the enduring power of sport to unite people across continents, cultures, and communities, we, the members of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), reaffirm our shared commitment to the global development of table tennis.

Since its founding on 12 December 1926 in London, with a small group of pioneering member associations committed to advancing the sport of table tennis, the ITTF has grown into a truly global institution. Over a century, the Federation has adapted to profound changes in the international sporting landscape, stewarding the evolution of rules and practices, fostering competitive excellence, and promoting widespread participation at all levels of society. From its first World Championships to the sport's inclusion in the Olympic and Paralympic Games, table tennis has matured into one of the most dynamic and accessible sports in the world.

Guided by principles of fairness, inclusivity, sustainability and innovation, the ITTF has championed programmes that develop athletes, support coaches and officials, and expand opportunities for play in every corner of the world. Through collaboration with Member Associations and Continental Federations, the ITTF has helped build local and regional infrastructures that sustain long-term growth and empower individuals and communities to benefit from the sport's physical, cultural, and social value.

Today, the ITTF proudly represents 227 Member Associations, reflecting the breadth of its global reach and affirming its position as the international sports federation with the highest number of member associations. This unprecedented level of representation underscores the universal appeal of table tennis and the collective dedication of all stakeholders to nurture its ongoing development.

In this spirit, and in recognition of the shared history and aspirations that bind us, we enact this Constitution to articulate our governance framework, strengthen democratic participation, uphold ethical standards, and catalyse future growth for the benefit of the table tennis community worldwide.

PART I — GENERAL CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

CHAPTER 1 — NAME AND LEGAL STATUS

Article 1.1 — Name and Legal Status

1. The organisation shall be known as the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).
2. The ITTF is a not-for-profit association governed by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.
3. The ITTF is the sole international governing body of Table Tennis, as recognised by the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee, without prejudice to the rights and obligations arising under applicable law.

Article 1.2 — Seat and Duration

1. The ITTF has its seat in Lausanne, Switzerland.
2. The ITTF is constituted for an unlimited duration unless dissolved in accordance with this Constitution.

Article 1.3 — Recognition of Table Tennis Jurisdiction

1. The jurisdiction of the ITTF extends to all international competitions, events, and matters falling within its regulatory competence, including Para Table Tennis, Table Tennis e-sports and any other Table Tennis matters as may be designated by this Constitution or Regulations.

2. All Members, Continental Federations, associated entities, athletes, officials, and stakeholders shall recognise and respect the authority of the ITTF.

Article 1.4 — Constitutional Supremacy and Normative Hierarchy

1. This Constitution is the supreme normative instrument of the ITTF.
2. All Regulations, Rules, Policies, and acts of any ITTF body or any ITTF-related entity shall comply with this Constitution.

Article 1.5 — Scope and Binding Effect

1. This Constitution, together with all duly adopted instruments shall be binding upon the ITTF and all its bodies and officers; all Members and Continental Federations; ITTF subsidiaries and associated entities to the extent provided in this Constitution and in relevant agreements approved pursuant to it; all persons holding office or performing functions within the ITTF's governance, integrity, judicial, or administrative structure.
2. Acceptance of membership or office constitutes acceptance of this Constitution and the jurisdictional arrangements contained herein.
3. Compliance with the ITTF normative framework is a condition of membership, affiliation, participation, and recognition.

CHAPTER 2 — INTERPRETATION AND PUBLICATION

Article 2.1 — Interpretation

1. This Constitution shall be interpreted in good faith, purposively, and in a manner that best protects the best interests of Table Tennis; the integrity, safety, and rights of participants, particularly Athletes; democratic legitimacy and institutional accountability; and the effectiveness and legality of ITTF governance.
2. The Constitution shall be interpreted in accordance with generally recognised principles of international sports governance and sports law, and, subsidiarily, Swiss law, excluding conflict-of-law rules.

Article 2.2 — Publication

1. The ITTF shall ensure that this Constitution, Regulations and Rules are publicly accessible in an official publication repository.
2. The ITTF shall maintain a consolidated and updated version of its governance instruments, with clear indication of dates of entry into force.
3. Policies shall be published where they are intended to guide Members, Athletes, or external stakeholders.

CHAPTER 3 — CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

Article 3.1 — Fundamental Constitutional Commitments

1. The ITTF is committed to good governance, transparency, integrity, accountability, inclusiveness, and the responsible stewardship of Table Tennis.
2. All bodies and Office Holders shall act honestly, competently, independently, and in the best interests of Table Tennis.
3. The ITTF shall observe the general and fundamental principles of, be bound by and comply with the Olympic Charter, the IPC Handbook, the WADA World Anti-Doping Code, and their applicable subsidiary regulations, and no provision of this Constitution shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles.
4. The ITTF shall cooperate with the IOC, IPC, Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, SportAccord, and other organisations that recognise it as the controlling and governing authority for Table Tennis throughout the world.

Article 3.2 — Autonomy, Neutrality, and Independence

1. The ITTF shall preserve its institutional autonomy and independence and shall conduct its affairs free from undue political interference or influence.
2. The ITTF shall be politically neutral.
3. Any act, decision, or omission materially tainted by political interference, bribery, coercion, retaliation, or improper influence shall constitute a serious breach of this Constitution and shall trigger the integrity mechanisms provided herein.

Article 3.3 — Integrity, Anti-Corruption, and Anti-Capture

1. The ITTF shall maintain a governance system designed to prevent and mitigate corruption, bribery, vote manipulation, conflicts of interest, undue influence, retaliation, and any misuse of office for personal benefit.
2. No person shall derive improper private advantage from ITTF office, ITTF resources, or ITTF decision-making.
3. The ITTF and its Member Associations encourage and support the promotion and implementation of ethical standards, and of the basic principles of good governance (including but not limited to the IOC Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement) in Table Tennis.

Article 3.4 — Athlete-Centred Governance and Safeguarding

1. The ITTF shall place the welfare, safety, and rights of Athletes and participants at the centre of its governance.
2. The ITTF shall ensure that decisions materially affecting Athletes are taken through processes that provide meaningful consultation.

Article 3.5 — Equality, Non-Discrimination, and Inclusion

1. The ITTF shall prohibit all forms of discrimination of any kind, such as race, colour, gender, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability, age, or any other status.
2. The ITTF shall promote equality, inclusion, and accessibility in its activities and governance structures.

Article 3.6 — Sustainability and Responsible Stewardship

The ITTF shall steward environmental and financial resources responsibly, including through the promotion of sustainable equipment and event standards, and long-term planning.

Article 3.7 — Innovation, Digital Transformation, and Responsible Technology

1. The ITTF shall promote innovation and digital transformation in Table Tennis in a manner that enhances accessibility, development, governance efficiency, and the global growth of the sport.
2. Innovation shall be pursued responsibly and safely through the promotion of sustainable and integrity-preserving innovation in Table Tennis, including but not limited to the oversight and regulation of emerging technologies that may affect competition integrity, athlete safety, or fairness of play.

PART II — OBJECTIVES, POWERS, AND LIMITS

CHAPTER 4 — OBJECTIVES

Article 4.1 — Constitutional Objectives

1. The objectives of the ITTF shall be to:

- a. direct, develop, govern, regulate, and control Table Tennis under all forms worldwide, including any and all virtual or electronic Table Tennis activities and competitions, and organise World Title Events of which it is the sole holder and owner;
- b. uphold and operationalise the constitutional principles set out in Part I;
- c. regulate relations between Member Associations, Continental Federations, World Table Tennis, the ITTF Foundation, and other ITTF subsidiaries and associated entities;
- d. seek continual improvement in the technical standard of Table Tennis and in the extent of participation in Table Tennis throughout the world;
- e. foster friendly sporting competition and eliminate unfair and unsporting practices, such as match manipulation, irregular and illegal betting, doping, and use of illegal equipment to enhance performance;
- f. promote and supervise World Title Events, Table Tennis competitions at the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and ITTF continental title Table Tennis competitions;
- g. endeavour to increase participation at all levels, enhance the popularity of Table Tennis, develop new sources of revenue, and manage Table Tennis through a systematic planning process;
- h. encourage Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, and Officials to present Table Tennis positively in the best ways to enhance its image;
- i. advocate for the physical and mental health of Athletes and Officials;
- j. establish, publish, and enforce the Constitution;
- k. promote gender equality, diversity, and equity in all levels of Table Tennis;
- l. promote Para Table Tennis;
- m. represent Table Tennis within the Olympic and Paralympic Movements and other relevant international organisations; and
- n. promote and respect the IOC Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration.

CHAPTER 5 — POWERS

Article 5.1 — General Powers

1. The ITTF has all powers necessary to pursue its objectives within the limits of this Constitution and applicable law.
2. Powers shall be exercised only by the bodies to which they are expressly allocated by this Constitution and may not be assumed by implication.

CHAPTER 6 — LIMITS ON POWERS

Article 6.1 — Best Interests of Table Tennis

1. All powers under this Constitution shall be exercised solely for purposes aligned with the objectives and principles of the ITTF.
2. The controlling constitutional standard is the “best interests of Table Tennis”, assessed objectively, long-term, and globally.

Article 6.2 — Reasoned Decisions and Reviewability

1. Any decision that materially affects rights, status, or legitimate interests must be reasoned in writing and shall be subject to review by the competent body.

Article 6.3 — Conflicts of Interest

1. No constitutional power or function may be exercised where an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest exists that has not been properly disclosed and managed as prescribed by Regulation.

PART III — GOVERNANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

CHAPTER 7 — INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

Article 7.1 — Constitutional Bodies

1. The constitutional bodies of the ITTF are:
 - a. the General Assembly;
 - b. the Council;
 - c. the Executive Board;
 - d. the President; and
 - e. the Secretary General.
2. Each body derives its authority exclusively from this Constitution and shall act within the limits expressly conferred upon it.

Article 7.2 — Continuity of Constitutional Bodies

1. The temporary absence, vacancy, suspension, or partial inoperability of any constitutional body shall not suspend the authority, existence, or legal continuity of the ITTF.
2. Where strict application of this Constitution would otherwise prevent a constitutional body from functioning, remaining members shall continue in a caretaker capacity solely to preserve institutional continuity, subject to subsequent confirmation, review, or correction as provided herein.

Article 7.3 — Procedural Defaults

1. Unless provided otherwise in this Constitution:
 - a. constitutional bodies shall deliberate and decide by Simple Majority of Votes Cast;
 - b. Quorum shall consist of more than one-half of the members entitled to vote;
 - c. each Full Member not in arrears shall have one vote, which shall be exercised through its accredited delegate; and
 - d. decisions may be taken by secure electronic means.

Article 7.4 — Independence Criteria

1. Independent members shall:
 - a. have no current, and shall not have had within the preceding four (4) years, any material relationship with the ITTF, any Member, any Continental Federation, or any entity in which the ITTF holds a direct or indirect interest, including, without limitation, through employment, consultancy, board membership, or significant contractual or financial engagement; and shall neither hold, nor have held within the same period, any elected or appointed position within, nor represent or have represented the interests of, the ITTF, any Member, any Continental Federation, Athlete body, commercial partner, or any other stakeholder group in relation to the governance or commercial affairs of the ITTF; and
 - b. be selected on the basis of recognised professional expertise relevant to the position.
2. Independence shall be assessed, documented, and certified by the Nominations Committee prior to election or appointment, on the basis of a written declaration of interests and any additional verification required.
3. Any material change in circumstances affecting independence during the term of office shall be disclosed without delay.

CHAPTER 8 — NORMATIVE INSTRUMENTS OF THE ITTF

Article 8.1 — Categories of Normative Instruments

1. The normative instruments of the ITTF consist of this Constitution; Regulations; Rules; and Policies.

Article 8.2 — Regulations

1. Regulations are binding normative instruments of general application adopted to implement, operationalise, or give effect to this Constitution.
2. Regulations shall be adopted by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the Council.

Article 8.3 — Rules

1. Rules are binding normative instruments of technical or operational nature governing the conduct, organisation, or technical aspects of Table Tennis.
2. The *Laws of Table Tennis* shall constitute Rules and shall be adopted by the General Assembly.
3. All Rules other than the *Laws of Table Tennis* shall be adopted by the Council.

Article 8.4 — Policies

1. Policies are instruments expressing strategic direction, interpretive guidance, or recommended practices.
2. Policies may be adopted by the Executive Board for matters of strategy and governance nature; or the Secretary General, for matters of administrative or internal operational nature.

CHAPTER 9 — THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 9.1 — Status and Role

1. The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the ITTF.
2. It exercises ultimate constitutional authority subject to the procedural and substantive limits set out in this Constitution.

Article 9.2 — Composition

1. The General Assembly is composed of delegates appointed by Full Members and Associate Members and registered in accordance with this Constitution and applicable Regulation.
2. Each Full Member may appoint up to two (2) delegates to attend the General Assembly either in person or remotely.
3. Where more than one delegate of a Full Member is present, the Full Member shall designate one delegate to exercise the voting rights on its behalf. The designated voting delegate may be changed only prior to the opening of the General Assembly or after it under duly justified circumstances subject to the approval of the Chair of the General Assembly.
4. Associate Members may attend the General Assembly with speaking rights but shall not exercise voting rights.
5. Each Associate Member may appoint up to two (2) delegates to attend the General Assembly either in-person or remotely.
6. Where two delegates are appointed, Members are encouraged to ensure gender balance in their designation.
7. All Delegates shall exercise their functions personally. No proxy voting is permitted.
8. Detailed procedures concerning registration, accreditation, substitution of delegates, speaking rights, participation modalities and other relevant related matters shall be prescribed by Regulation.

Article 9.3 — Powers

1. The General Assembly has the exclusive powers to:
 - a. adopt and amend the Constitution;
 - b. adopt and amend the *Laws of Table Tennis*;
 - c. elect the President and members of the Executive Board;
 - d. suspend, remove, and grant discharge to the President and members of the Executive Board;
 - e. elect, suspend, and remove members of the Council as prescribed by this Constitution;
 - f. appoint and remove the external auditor;
 - g. approve Annual Reports and annual accounts within six months after the end of the Financial Year;
 - h. admit, promote, demote, and suspend of Members;
 - i. ratify decisions expressly submitted to it under this Constitution, including recognition or withdrawal of affiliation of Continental Federations and expulsion of Members;
 - j. ratify the work of the Executive Board and the Council;
 - k. approve the conferral of honorary titles or distinctions; and
 - l. dissolve the ITTF in accordance with this Constitution.
2. Powers not expressly conferred upon the General Assembly are reserved to other bodies.

Article 9.4 — Place, Date and Time

1. The place, date, time and manner of the General Assembly shall be decided by the Executive Board. A General Assembly may be held in person, by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication, including a combination of any of the aforementioned methods.

Article 9.5 — Notice and Agenda

1. The General Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary General, acting on behalf and under the direction of the Executive Board.
2. The Agenda shall be circulated in advance and shall include all items for consideration.
3. Any irregularity, error or omission in notices, agendas, and relevant papers for a General Assembly and any other connected error shall not invalidate the General Assembly where democratic participation has not been materially impaired; nor shall it prevent the General Assembly from considering its business.

Article 9.6 — Procedural Guarantees

1. The General Assembly shall operate in accordance with principles of transparency, reasoned decision-making, and orderly deliberation.
2. Voting procedures shall ensure secrecy and verifiability.
3. Decisions materially affecting rights shall be reasoned and recorded.

Article 9.7 – Chair of the General Assembly

1. The Chair of the General Assembly shall be the President.
2. Where the President is unable to chair, or where chairing would create a conflict of interest, the Chair shall be, in order:
 - a. The longest-serving member of the Executive Board who is not conflicted; failing which
 - b. The longest-serving elected member of the Council who is not conflicted; failing which
 - c. An independent Chair appointed for that session by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Nominations Committee.
3. The Chair of the General Assembly shall ensure orderly conduct of proceedings. Procedural rulings shall be limited to facilitation of debate and voting.

Article 9.8 – Quorum

1. For an Ordinary General Assembly, Quorum is met when more than one-half (1/2) of the Full Members registered as entitled to vote for that General Assembly are present at the opening of the session.
2. For a General Assembly session containing elections for President or Executive Board members, Quorum is met when two-thirds (2/3) of the Full Members registered as entitled to vote are present at the opening of the session.
3. For the purposes of this Article, “registered as entitled to vote” means Members not in arrears, not under suspension, and not subject to any voting restriction as of the registration deadline.
4. For the purposes of this Article, “present” includes attendance in person, by teleconference, by videoconference, or through any other means of communication approved by the Executive Board.

Article 9.9 – Absence of Quorum

1. Where Quorum is not met at the opening of a General Assembly, the Chair shall suspend the session for a period of up to sixty (60) minutes to allow for additional registrations.
2. If Quorum remains unmet after such suspension, the General Assembly shall be automatically reconvened at the same venue, or by the same electronic means, where applicable, no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the originally scheduled opening time, at the Chair’s discretion.
3. At the reconvened session:
 - a. For an Ordinary General Assembly, Quorum shall be deemed met when at least forty percent (40%) of the Members registered as entitled to vote are present at the opening of the session.
 - b. For a session containing elections for President or Executive Board members, Quorum shall be deemed met when at least fifty percent (50%) of the Full Members registered as entitled to vote are present at the opening of the session.
4. The reconvened General Assembly may deliberate and decide only on items included in the Agenda of the original session.
5. No further reduction of Quorum shall be permitted.

Article 9.10 — Voting Thresholds

1. Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by Simple Majority of the Votes Cast.
2. Decisions to adopt or amend the Laws of Table Tennis shall require a majority of three-quarters (3/4) of the Votes Cast in accordance with this Constitution.

Article 9.11 — Minutes and Record-Keeping

1. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the General Assembly.
2. The preparation of the Minutes shall be the responsibility of the Secretary General, who shall ensure that the Minutes constitute a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings and decisions of the General Assembly.
3. The Minutes shall include, at a minimum, the date, place, and form of the meeting; confirmation that Quorum was met; the Agenda as adopted; the text of propositions adopted and the results of any votes; and any procedural rulings or determinations required to be recorded.
4. The Minutes shall be circulated to Members within six (6) months after the conclusion of the General Assembly and shall be submitted for approval at the next General Assembly.

5. Summaries of decisions of the General Assembly or drafts of the Minutes may be made publicly available prior to the approval of the Minutes.

Article 9.12 – Timing of Ordinary General Assembly

1. The Ordinary General Assembly shall be convened at least once per calendar year, and shall take place no later than six months after the end of the Financial Year, except when prevented by force majeure or legal impossibility, in which case the ITTF Executive Board shall approve a reasoned postponement.

Article 9.13 — Right to Submit Propositions

1. Full Members shall have the right to submit propositions for consideration by the General Assembly.
2. Propositions submitted to the General Assembly may include:
 - a. propositions seeking to amend this Constitution, subject to Chapter 54;
 - b. propositions relating to other matters within the exclusive powers of the General Assembly; and
 - c. non-binding resolutions.
3. All propositions shall be submitted in writing to the ITTF Secretariat; clearly identify the submitting Member; specify the action, if any, requested of the General Assembly; and be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons.

Article 9.14 — Admissibility Review

1. The ITTF Secretariat shall conduct a review of propositions to verify compliance with admissibility requirements and to ensure coherence with the ITTF normative framework.
2. A proposition may be declared inadmissible or recommended for exclusion from the Agenda only on one or more of the following grounds: failure to comply with formal submission requirements; manifest incompatibility with this Constitution; lack of competence of the General Assembly to decide the matter; manifest abuse of process, including bad faith submissions intended to obstruct or undermine constitutional safeguards; manifest incomprehensibility; manifest redundancy, where the same or substantially the same matter was decided by the General Assembly within the preceding two (2) years, unless materially new elements are demonstrated; or manifest unlawful purpose.
3. Any determination under paragraph 2 shall be reasoned, made in writing, communicated promptly to the submitting Full Member and, where practicable, shall provide an opportunity to remedy remediable formal defects.

Article 9.15 — Review

1. The ITTF Secretariat's determination to declare a proposition admissible, inadmissible or to recommend its exclusion from the Agenda shall be subject to the review and confirmation by the Council, which may uphold or depart from the Secretariat's determination.
2. Where the Council departs from the ITTF Secretariat's determination, it may issue a reasoned non-binding opinion for circulation together with the proposition.
3. Where the proposition relates to the *Laws of Table Tennis*, the Technical and Competition Committees shall issue a reasoned non-binding opinion for circulation together with the proposition.

Article 9.16 — Consolidation

1. Where multiple submissions address substantially the same subject matter, the ITTF Secretariat may consolidate such items for Agenda purposes, without altering their substance.

Article 9.17 — Extraordinary General Assembly

1. An Extraordinary General Assembly (“EGA”) may be convened only to consider specific and exceptional matters that cannot reasonably be deferred to the next Ordinary General Assembly.
2. An EGA may be initiated by a reasoned resolution of the Executive Board; by a reasoned request of the Council, approved by the Executive Board; or by a written request supported by at least one-fifth (1/5) of the Members.
3. Upon a valid initiation under paragraph 2, the Secretary General shall formally convene the EGA, after verifying that the initiation complies with this Constitution.
4. The notice convening an EGA shall specify the precise matters to be considered; include all relevant documentation; and be issued within timelines prescribed by Regulation, which shall be shorter than those applicable to an Ordinary General Assembly.
5. The Agenda of an EGA shall be strictly limited to the matters specified in the convening notice. No additional items may be added.
6. Quorum, voting rights, voting thresholds, chairing arrangements, and procedural guarantees applicable to the Ordinary General Assembly under this Chapter shall apply mutatis mutandis to an EGA, unless expressly provided otherwise in this Constitution.
7. An EGA shall not be convened to reconsider a matter decided by the General Assembly within the preceding four (4) years, unless materially new circumstances are demonstrated that would reasonably be expected to affect the substance, scope, or practical consequences of the prior decision; or for matters that fall within the exclusive competence of another body under this Constitution.

CHAPTER 10 — THE COUNCIL

Article 10.1 — Status and Purpose

1. The Council serves as a representative and deliberative body.

Article 10.2 — Size and Composition

1. The Council shall be composed of thirty-five (35) members.
2. The Council members shall include:
 - a. thirty-two (32) members elected by the General Assembly from candidates nominated by Continental Federations in accordance with applicable ITTF Regulations. The number of candidates to be nominated by each Continental Federation shall be proportionate to the number of Member Associations that are members of that Continental Federation and are not in arrears. Each such member shall come from a different Full Member; and
 - b. three (3) independent members, meeting the Independence Criteria set out in Article 7.4, and elected by the General Assembly from a shortlist of candidates identified through an open, transparent, and merit-based selection process conducted by the Nominations Committee.
3. The Chair shall not be a member of the Council. The Chair shall exercise a Casting Vote solely in the event of a tie.
4. No more than two (2) independent Council members may originate from the same continent.

5. The pursuit of gender balance shall be mandatory. The composition of the Council shall aim to ensure that no gender represents less than forty percent (40%) of its members.
6. Where, following a duly conducted nominations process, an insufficient number of candidates meeting the Independence Criteria are available, fewer than three (3) independent members may be elected for that term. Any such deviation shall be exceptional, reasoned, and publicly reported by the Nominations Committee to the General Assembly.

Article 10.3 — Term of Office

1. The term of office shall be four (4) years and may be renewed up to two (2) times, for a total of twelve (12) years. Council members may not simultaneously serve on the Executive Board or as Secretary General.

Article 10.4 — Chair of the Council

1. The Chair of the Council shall be the ITTF President.
2. The Chair shall preside over meetings of the Council; ensure the orderly conduct of deliberations; certify the outcomes, opinions, and decisions of the Council; and represent the Council for procedural and institutional purposes.
3. The Chair shall not act on behalf of the Council except as expressly authorised by this Constitution or by a decision of the Council.
4. Where the Chair is absent or has a conflict of interest, the Council shall designate another member to act as Chair for that meeting.

Article 10.5 — Powers and Functions

1. The Council shall have the power to:
 - a. adopt, amend or repeal Rules, except for the *Laws of Table Tennis*.
 - b. approve or repeal Regulations adopted by the Executive Board.
 - c. review and issue reasoned opinions on proposed constitutional amendments prior to their submission to the General Assembly;
 - d. review governance performance reports submitted by the Executive Board;
 - e. review and confirm temporary exceptional measures adopted by the Executive Board;
 - f. confirm the awarding or revocation of World Title Events;
 - g. assess and confirm compliance with the constitutional and governance requirements applicable to the recognition, continuation, or withdrawal of affiliation of Continental Federations, in accordance with this Constitution; and
 - h. exercise any additional functions expressly assigned by this Constitution.
2. In exercising its powers, the Council shall act in accordance with the principles of due process, proportionality, and reasoned decision-making.

Article 10.6 — Meetings of the Council

1. The Council shall meet at least twice (2) per calendar year.
2. One meeting shall ordinarily take place sufficiently in advance of the Ordinary General Assembly to enable the Council to exercise its constitutional functions.
3. Meetings of the Council shall be convened by the Chair of the Council; or the Secretary General acting on the instructions of the Executive Board; or at the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Council members.
4. Notice, Agenda, and supporting documentation shall be circulated sufficiently in advance.
5. The Council may meet and deliberate by written procedure or secure electronic means. Decisions adopted by written procedure or secure electronic means shall be recorded and reported at the next Council meeting.

6. In all circumstances, members of the Council shall exercise their functions personally and shall not vote by proxy.
7. The Secretary General shall ensure the proper convening, documentation, and recording of Council meetings. The Secretary General shall ensure that accurate Minutes of all Council meetings are prepared, approved, securely maintained and published.

Article 10.7 — Quorum

1. The Quorum for meetings of the Council shall be a Simple Majority of its members.

Article 10.8 — Right to Submit Propositions

1. Full Members shall have the right to submit propositions for consideration by the Council.
2. Propositions submitted to the Council may include:
 - a. propositions seeking to amend the Rules, except the *Laws of Table Tennis*; and
 - b. non-binding resolutions.
3. All propositions shall be submitted in writing to the ITTF Secretariat; clearly identify the submitting Member; specify the action, if any, requested of the Council; and be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons.

Article 10.9 — Admissibility Review

1. The ITTF Secretariat shall conduct a review of propositions to verify compliance with admissibility requirements and to ensure coherence with the ITTF normative framework.
2. A proposition may be declared inadmissible or recommended for exclusion from the Agenda only on one or more of the following grounds: failure to comply with formal submission requirements; manifest incompatibility with this Constitution; lack of competence of the Council to decide the matter; manifest abuse of process, including bad faith submissions intended to obstruct or undermine constitutional safeguards; manifest incomprehensibility; manifest redundancy, where the same or substantially the same matter was decided by the Council within the preceding two (2) years, unless materially new elements are demonstrated; or manifest unlawful purpose.
3. Any determination under paragraph 2 shall be reasoned, made in writing, communicated promptly to the submitting Full Member and, where practicable, shall provide an opportunity to cure remediable formal defects.

Article 10.10 — Review

1. The ITTF Secretariat's determination to declare a proposition admissible, inadmissible or to recommend its exclusion from the Council Agenda shall be subject to the review by the relevant Technical or Competition Committees, as applicable, which shall issue a reasoned non-binding opinion for circulation together with the proposition.

Article 10.11 — Consolidation

1. Where multiple submissions address substantially the same subject matter, the ITTF Secretariat may consolidate such items for Agenda purposes, without altering their substance.

CHAPTER 11 — THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 11.1 — Status

1. The Executive Board is the executive body of the ITTF between meetings of the General Assembly.

Article 11.2 — Size and Composition

1. The Executive Board shall be composed of eleven (11) members.

2. The Executive Board members shall include:
 - a. the President;
 - b. eight (8) members elected by the General Assembly; and
 - c. two (2) Athlete Representatives from different genders and different continents, elected in accordance with this Constitution.
3. Each Continental Federation shall be represented by at least one (1) Executive Board member elected pursuant to paragraph 2(b). No more than three (3) such elected members may originate from the same continent.
4. The pursuit of gender balance shall be mandatory. The composition of the Executive Board shall aim to ensure that no gender represents less than 40% of its members with voting rights.

Article 11.3 — Election and Term of Office

1. Executive Board members referred to in Article 11.2(2)(b) shall be elected by the General Assembly.
2. The term of office shall be four (4) years and may be renewed up to two (2) times, for a total of twelve (12) years at a maximum. No person may serve as Executive Board member for more than three (3) terms in total, whether consecutive or non-consecutive.

Article 11.4 — Athlete Representatives on the Executive Board

1. The Athlete Representatives on the Executive Board shall be members of the Athletes' Commission; and elected by the Athletes' Commission through a transparent, and democratic process.
2. The Athlete Representatives shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, renewable once only.
3. The Athlete Representatives shall enjoy all the same rights and duties as other Executive Board members.

Article 11.5 — Strategic and Institutional Powers

1. The Executive Board shall:
 - a. define and oversee the strategic direction of the ITTF;
 - b. ensure the long-term sustainability, integrity, and institutional coherence of the ITTF;
 - c. appoint, supervise, and, where justified, remove the Secretary General;
 - d. ensure the independence and effectiveness of integrity and judicial mechanisms; and
 - e. report annually and publicly to the General Assembly and the Council.
 - f. propose the conferral of honorary titles or distinctions, subject to approval by the General Assembly.

Article 11.6 — Financial Powers

1. The Executive Board shall approve the annual budget, multi-year financial planning and risk management framework; and exercise fiduciary oversight over the financial affairs of the ITTF.
2. The Executive Board shall determine the level, structure, and categories of membership subscription fees payable by all Members of the ITTF.
3. Any decision establishing or modifying membership subscription fees shall be reasoned and communicated to Members in advance of its entry into force.

Article 11.7 — Regulatory Powers

1. The Executive Board shall adopt, amend, and repeal Regulations, subject to approval by the Council.

Article 11.8 — Competition and Event Powers

1. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the awarding, supervision, and where necessary, revocation of World Title Events and other international competitions.
2. The Executive Board shall provide strategic guidance in relation to the long-term development and sustainability of World Title Events; the overall structure and coherence of the ITTF competition calendar; and high-performance and development priorities of strategic importance to the ITTF.
3. Decisions under this Article shall be based on objective, transparent, and pre-established criteria, including where relevant, organisational and technical capacity; financial guarantees and sustainability; integrity, safeguarding, and human rights considerations; risk management and reputational impact; and contribution to the global development of Table Tennis.
4. Decisions under this Article shall be reasoned in writing, adopted following a documented evaluation process, and communicated transparently to Members.
5. Decisions to award or revoke World Title Events shall be subject to confirmation by the Council.

Article 11.9 — Olympic and Paralympic Events Powers

1. The Executive Board shall oversee the institutional relationship of the ITTF with the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, and the Olympic and Paralympic Movement.
2. The Executive Board shall provide strategic guidance in relation to the positioning of Table Tennis within the Olympic and Paralympic Games; the long-term development and sustainability of Table Tennis Events in the Olympic and Paralympic Games; the overall structure and coherence of the international competition calendar; and high-performance and development priorities of strategic importance to the ITTF.
3. For these purposes, the Executive Board may establish advisory or coordination bodies, including mechanisms involving Continental Federations, technical experts, and event stakeholders.

Article 11.10 — Duties

1. All Executive Board members owe fiduciary duties of loyalty, care, and independence to the ITTF. They shall respect confidentiality, integrity and ethical obligations.
2. All Executive Board members shall act in the best interests of the ITTF as a whole and of the sport of Table Tennis, taking into account the legitimate interests of Athletes.
3. Newly elected Executive Board members shall undergo mandatory introductory training with the support of the ITTF Secretariat.

Article 11.11 — Collective Responsibility and Accountability

1. Executive Board decisions are taken collectively.
2. Breach of fiduciary duty or integrity obligations constitutes grounds for suspension or removal.

Article 11.12 — Meetings of the Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall meet at least four (4) times per calendar year.
2. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be convened by the President; the Secretary General acting on the instructions of the President; or at the written request of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board members. Extraordinary meetings of the Executive Board may be convened where required by urgency, risk, or institutional necessity.

3. Notice of meetings, draft Agendas, and supporting documentation shall be circulated sufficiently in advance, except in cases of duly justified urgency.
4. The Quorum for meetings of the Executive Board shall be a majority of its members. For decisions involving sanctions, intervention, or other key constitutional matter, Quorum shall be two-thirds (2/3) of its members.
5. The President shall ordinarily chair meetings of the Executive Board. Where the President has a conflict of interest, the Executive Board shall designate one of its members to chair the meeting for that session.
6. In all circumstances, members of the Executive Board shall exercise their functions personally and shall not vote by proxy.
7. The Executive Board may adopt decisions by written procedure or other secure electronic means between meetings, provided that all members are given a reasonable opportunity to participate; a majority of members approve the decision; and at least two-thirds (2/3) of members do not request that the matter be discussed at a formal meeting.
8. Decisions adopted by written procedure shall be recorded and reported at the next Executive Board meeting.
9. The Chair shall have a Casting Vote in case of a tie.
10. The Secretary General shall ensure the proper convening, documentation, and recording of Executive Board meetings. The Secretary General shall ensure that accurate Minutes of all Executive Board meetings are prepared, approved, securely maintained and published.

Article 11.13 — Exceptional Adaptation of Constitutional Provisions

1. Where the strict application of a provision of this Constitution becomes objectively impossible or manifestly impracticable due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the ITTF, the Executive Board may adopt temporary and strictly limited measures to ensure institutional continuity.
2. Any such measure shall be reasoned and documented; be limited in scope and duration; be submitted to the Council for confirmation within sixty (60) days.
3. Temporary measures adopted under this Article shall not amend, suspend, or derogate from this Constitution and shall lapse automatically unless confirmed.
4. This Article shall be interpreted restrictively and may not be used to bypass constitutional safeguards.

CHAPTER 12 — THE PRESIDENT

Article 12.1 — Role

1. The President is the principal representative of the ITTF.
2. The President shall chair the General Assembly, the Council and the Executive Board, except where a conflict of interest arises, including where the President is a candidate in a Presidential election.
3. The President shall ensure the proper functioning of constitutional bodies, without interfering in their respective powers or decision-making autonomy.

Article 12.2 — Accountability

1. The President is accountable to the General Assembly and subject to removal in accordance with this Constitution.

Article 12.3 – Presidential Term Limitations

1. The President shall serve a term of four (4) years and may be renewed up to two (2) times, for a maximum of twelve (12) years, whether consecutive or non-consecutive.

2. A person who has served as President for the maximum permitted terms shall be deemed permanently ineligible to stand as a candidate for President again.

CHAPTER 13 — THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Article 13.1 — Authority

1. The Secretary General is the sole chief officer of the ITTF Secretariat.
2. The Secretary General is responsible for day-to-day management, implementation of strategy, and operational execution.
3. The Secretary General shall also exercise such powers and perform such functions as are expressly assigned to them elsewhere in this Constitution and in applicable Regulations and Policies.

Article 13.2 — Appointment and Accountability

1. The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Executive Board through an open, transparent and merit-based process.
2. The Secretary General is accountable to the Executive Board and shall operate on its behalf.

Article 13.3 — Ex Officio Participation

1. The Secretary General shall serve Ex Officio on the Executive Board and the Council, and any other relevant meeting at their discretion. The Secretary General shall not have voting rights and shall not be counted for purposes of Quorum.
2. In this capacity, the Secretary General shall participate in meetings and deliberations; provide institutional, governance, and administrative advice; ensure continuity, coordination, and implementation of decisions; and present reports, recommendations, and information within the scope of their functions.
3. The Secretary General may be excluded from deliberations only where a specific and substantiated conflict of interest exists.

Article 13.4 — Accountability of the Secretary General

1. The President shall conduct a formal performance evaluation of the Secretary General once per year.
2. The Secretary General may be removed only on one or more of the following grounds:
 - a. serious misconduct or breach of integrity obligations;
 - b. persistent failure to perform core functions;
 - c. incapacity to perform duties; or
 - d. loss of confidence expressed by a Three-Quarters (3/4) Majority of the Executive Board.

Article 13.5 — Temporary Inability

1. Where the Secretary General is temporarily unable to perform their functions, the Executive Board may designate an Interim Secretary General from among senior administrative staff.

Article 13.6 — The ITTF Secretariat

1. The ITTF Secretariat is the permanent administrative structure of the ITTF and shall be responsible for supporting the functioning of all constitutional bodies and for carrying out the administrative and operational activities of the ITTF.
2. The ITTF Secretariat shall be composed of professional staff appointed on the basis of competence, merit, and organisational needs, in accordance with Policies adopted by the Executive Board.

3. The Secretary General shall direct and manage the ITTF Secretariat, exercise authority over its staff, and be responsible for its organisation, performance, and integrity.
4. Members of the ITTF Secretariat shall act independently of political influence and shall be bound by duties of loyalty, confidentiality, and professionalism.

CHAPTER 14 — THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION

Article 14.1 — Status and Purpose

1. The Athletes' Commission's purpose is to ensure that the views, rights, welfare, and legitimate interests of Athletes are represented within the governance of the ITTF.
2. The Athletes' Commission acts in an advisory capacity on matters affecting Athletes, exclusively in the best interests of Athletes and the sport of Table Tennis as a whole.

Article 14.2 — Composition

1. The Athletes' Commission shall be composed of ten (10) members, with eight (8) of them being non-disabled athletes, and two (2) being Para Table Tennis athletes, one from wheelchair classes and one from standing classes.
2. The composition shall ensure equitable representation of genders; and balanced representation across continents.
3. No member of the Athletes' Commission may simultaneously serve as ITTF President; or ITTF Secretary General.

Article 14.3 — Election and Term of Office

1. Members of the Athletes' Commission shall be elected exclusively by Athletes.
2. The nomination process shall be overseen by the Nominations Committee and the electoral process shall be overseen by the Election Oversight Panel.
3. Members shall serve for a term of four (4) years, renewable once only.
4. Terms shall ideally be staggered to ensure continuity.

Article 14.4 — Mandate and Functions

1. The Athletes' Commission shall:
 - a. represent Athletes' collective views within the ITTF;
 - b. advise the Executive Board, Council, General Assembly, and Technical and Competition Committees on matters affecting Athletes;
 - c. elect the Athlete Representatives to the Executive Board;
 - d. monitor the implementation of Athletes' rights recognised by the ITTF; and
 - e. contribute to the development of normative instruments affecting competition conditions, welfare, and safeguarding.
2. The Athletes' Commission may issue non-binding reasoned opinions and recommendations on its own initiative.

Article 14.5 — Rights

1. The Athletes' Commission shall have the right to receive timely information relevant to its mandate; and be consulted in advance on matters materially affecting Athletes.

Article 14.6 — Meetings and Reporting Obligations

1. The Athletes' Commission shall meet at least four (4) times per calendar year.
2. The Athletes' Commission shall report annually to the General Assembly on its activities.
3. Reports shall be public, subject to confidentiality and safeguarding considerations.
4. Internal organisation, Quorum, vacancies, resignations, removal of members, and decision-making procedures shall be prescribed by Policy.

CHAPTER 15 — COMMITTEES

Article 15.1 — Permanent Committees

1. The following committees shall be permanent:
 - a. Audit and Finance Committee
 - b. Nominations Committee
 - c. Technical Committees for:
 1. Equipment
 2. Sports Science and Medical
 3. Rules
 4. Umpires and Referees
 - d. Competition Committees for:
 1. Para Table Tennis
 2. Masters Table Tennis
 3. Youth Table Tennis

Article 15.2 — Composition of Permanent Committees

1. The Audit and Finance Committee shall be composed in accordance with Article 51.4.
2. The Nominations Committee shall be composed in accordance with Article 33.2
3. Each Technical or Competition Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members and one Executive Board member, who shall have no voting rights. The committee members shall be knowledgeable and experienced in the subject matter.
4. Permanent Committees shall be composed in a manner that does not result in concentration of power by a single Member or continent.
5. Permanent Committees shall be supported administratively by the ITTF Secretariat.

Article 15.3 — Appointment

1. Members of the Technical and Competition Committees shall be appointed by the General Assembly, from a list of candidates duly nominated by Full Members.

Article 15.4 — Term of Office

1. The term of office of the members of the Permanent Committees shall coincide with that of the Executive Board.

Article 15.5 — Roles and responsibilities

1. The Executive Board shall establish terms of reference outlining the powers, responsibilities, functions, and operational details of each Permanent Committee.

Article 15.6 — Advisory Committees and Working Groups

1. The Executive Board may establish Advisory Committees and Working Groups where it considers such committees necessary to support the fulfilment of the ITTF's objectives.
2. Advisory committees shall be non-permanent in nature, shall be established for a defined duration, and shall automatically lapse unless expressly renewed.

PART IV — ITTF SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

CHAPTER 16 — ITTF SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

Article 16.1 — General Principles

1. The ITTF may establish, own, or participate in subsidiaries or associated entities solely to advance its constitutional objectives.
2. Such entities shall operate with institutional independence and shall not undermine the integrity, autonomy, or constitutional safeguards of the ITTF.

Article 16.2 — Commercial Entities

1. Any commercial entity in which the ITTF holds an interest shall be governed by agreements approved in accordance with this Constitution.
2. Commercial exploitation of rights shall not compromise sporting integrity, governance independence, or athlete welfare.

Article 16.3 — Oversight and Accountability

1. The ITTF Executive Board shall ensure effective oversight of subsidiaries and associated entities, including commercial entities.

CHAPTER 17 — WORLD TABLE TENNIS (WTT)

Article 17.1 — Status of World Table Tennis

1. World Table Tennis (WTT) is the commercial rights entity of the ITTF and its for-profit subsidiary.
2. WTT does not constitute a constitutional body of the ITTF.

Article 17.2 — Purpose and Mandate

1. The exclusive purpose of WTT is to:
 - a. organise, operate, and commercially exploit professional international Table Tennis events designated by the ITTF;
 - b. enhance the global visibility, commercial value, and professional pathways of Table Tennis; and
 - c. contribute financially and strategically to the sustainable development of the sport.
2. WTT shall operate in furtherance of the ITTF's objectives and shall not pursue purposes inconsistent with them.

Article 17.3 — Relationship with the ITTF

1. WTT is a separate legal entity, constitutionally subordinate to the ITTF and shall comply at all times with this Constitution.

Article 17.4 — Governance and Independence Safeguards

1. WTT shall be governed in accordance with its own statutes, shareholder agreements, and internal governance instruments, which shall ensure operational autonomy in commercial matters and an appropriate separation from ITTF governance.

Article 17.5 — Oversight and Control

1. The ITTF Executive Board shall appoint and remove ITTF-designated directors on WTT's board; and require regular reporting on performance.
2. WTT shall submit annual audited financial statements and Annual Reports of activities to the ITTF General Assembly.

Article 17.6 — Sporting Matters

1. All WTT competitions shall comply with ITTF Regulations and Rules.
2. The Table Tennis Integrity Unit shall have jurisdiction over integrity and safeguarding matters arising from and in WTT events.
3. WTT shall fully cooperate with ITTF or Table Tennis Integrity Unit assessments, investigations and enforcement.
4. WTT shall not determine athlete eligibility, ranking criteria, or disciplinary matters, which remain within the exclusive competence of the ITTF.

Article 17.7 — Periodic Review

1. The ITTF shall exercise ongoing oversight of WTT's compliance with this Constitution, including periodic reviews coordinated by the ITTF Secretariat.
2. Where a review identifies conduct or practices by WTT that are materially inconsistent with the objectives and values of the ITTF, applicable integrity, safeguarding, or ethical standards, or the supremacy of this Constitution, the Executive Board may adopt corrective measures.

CHAPTER 18 — THE ITTF FOUNDATION

Article 18.1 — Constitutional Recognition

1. The ITTF Foundation is the corporate social responsibility entity of the ITTF.
2. The Foundation shall operate as a legally distinct not-for-profit entity, in accordance with its own Statutes.
3. The Foundation shall organise events, carry out activities, or otherwise use Table Tennis to promote peace, solidarity, health, diplomacy, community development, and such other social good.

Article 18.2 — Alignment with ITTF Objectives

1. The Foundation shall operate in alignment with the ITTF's objectives.
2. The Foundation shall not pursue programmes that undermine the ITTF Constitution.

Article 18.3 — Governance and Independence

1. The Foundation shall have its own governing board.
2. ITTF representation on the Foundation's governing board shall be ensured.

Article 18.4 — Oversight and Accountability

1. The ITTF President and a person designated by the President shall sit on the Foundation governing board.
2. The Foundation shall submit annual audited financial statements and Annual Reports of activities to the ITTF General Assembly.

Article 18.5 — Integrity and Safeguarding

1. The Foundation shall comply fully with ITTF integrity and safeguarding standards.
2. The Table Tennis Integrity Unit shall have jurisdiction over integrity and safeguarding matters arising from and in Foundation activities.

CHAPTER 19 — OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Article 19.1 — Recognition of Other Organisations

1. The ITTF may recognise other organisations or groupings related to Table Tennis where such recognition advances constitutional objectives.
2. Recognition confers no rights or privileges, nor governance authority over the ITTF.

Article 19.2 — Compliance and Limits

1. All recognised organisations shall conform with this Constitution.
2. Recognition may be withdrawn where conformity with this Constitution is not maintained.

PART V — MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

CHAPTER 20 — CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 20.1 — Membership as a Constitutional Relationship

1. Membership of the ITTF constitutes a constitutional relationship governed exclusively by this Constitution.
2. Membership confers rights and obligations that are differentiated by category and conditioned upon continuous compliance with constitutional requirements.
3. Membership is not a vested right and may not be exercised or retained contrary to this Constitution; however, it may not be restricted, suspended, or withdrawn except in strict accordance with the procedures and safeguards set out herein.
4. Members are autonomous legal entities distinct from the ITTF and shall not be regarded as agents of the ITTF.

Article 20.2 — Categories of Membership

1. The ITTF shall recognise the following categories of membership: Full Members and Associate Members.
2. Full Members are all ITTF Member Associations as of 3rd May 2026 and all future Member Associations that fully comply with all constitutional and regulatory requirements to be a Full Member.
3. Associate Members are Member Associations that do not yet meet all requirements for Full Membership.

Article 20.3 — Objective Differentiation

1. Differentiation between membership categories shall be based solely on objective, measurable, and verifiable criteria, as defined in this Constitution.
2. Differentiation shall not be based on political considerations, size, wealth, historical influence, or discretionary preference.

CHAPTER 21 — ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Article 21.1 — General Eligibility Requirements

1. Any organisation seeking admission as a Member of the ITTF shall demonstrate, on a continuing basis, that it:
 - a. is the sole recognised governing body for Table Tennis within a defined Territory;
 - b. is duly constituted as a legal entity under the law applicable to that Territory;
 - c. exercises autonomous authority over Table Tennis free from undue political or third-party interference;
 - d. is financially solvent and capable of meeting its obligations;
 - e. complies with fundamental principles of good governance, integrity, and democratic legitimacy; and
 - f. accepts the supremacy of this Constitution and the jurisdiction of the ITTF's independent judicial and integrity bodies.

Article 21.2 — Territorial Exclusivity

1. Only one Member may be recognised as exercising authority over Table Tennis within a given Territory.
2. Where exceptional circumstances external to the sport justify a partial territorial recognition, such recognition shall be strictly limited, reasoned, and subject to enhanced scrutiny and periodic review.
3. No territorial recognition shall be granted or maintained if it results in overlapping authority or institutional conflict.

Article 21.3 — Continuing Nature of Membership Eligibility

1. Membership eligibility requirements are continuous obligations. Failure to meet any eligibility requirement constitutes a governance compliance issue and may trigger review, corrective measures, or sanctions under this Part.

CHAPTER 22 — ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Article 22.1 — Application for Admission

1. Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to the ITTF Secretariat.
2. Admission of Members constitutes an administrative determination of eligibility and compliance, exercised in accordance with this Constitution.

Article 22.2 — Admission Verification

1. All applications for membership shall be subject to verification of eligibility criteria conducted by the ITTF Secretariat.

Article 22.3 — Decision on Admission

1. Admission to membership shall be decided by the General Assembly upon a reasoned recommendation by the ITTF Secretariat.
2. Admission requires a Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority of Votes Cast.
3. Reasons for admission or refusal shall be recorded and communicated to the applicant.

Article 22.4 — Initial Membership Category

1. Admission shall specify whether the applicant is admitted as a Full Member or an Associate Member.
2. Admission as a Full Member shall be reserved for organisations demonstrating full and sustained compliance with all constitutional requirements.

CHAPTER 23 — RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Article 23.1 — General Principle

1. Members enjoy rights with respect to the ITTF solely by virtue of and subject to this Constitution.

Article 23.2 — Rights of Full Members

1. Full Members have the right to:
 - a. attend the General Assembly with speaking and voting rights in accordance with this Constitution;
 - b. submit propositions to the General Assembly and the Council;
 - c. nominate candidates for elective offices subject to eligibility criteria;
 - d. nominate candidates for the Nominations Committee, and for Technical and Competition Committees;
 - e. enter Athletes and teams in ITTF-sanctioned competitions;
 - f. benefit from ITTF development programmes and services; and
 - g. exercise all other rights expressly conferred by this Constitution and Regulations.

Article 23.3 — Rights of Associate Members

1. Associate Members have the right to:
 - a. participate in ITTF activities and programmes;
 - b. enter Athletes and teams in ITTF-sanctioned competitions, where permitted by Regulation;
 - c. benefit from ITTF development programmes and services for Associate Members;
 - d. attend the General Assembly with speaking rights; and
 - e. exercise all other rights expressly conferred by this Constitution or Regulations.

2. Associate Members shall not exercise voting rights.

CHAPTER 24 — OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Article 24.1 — Core Obligations

1. All Members shall:
 - a. comply fully and continuously with this Constitution and all instruments adopted pursuant to it;
 - b. administer and promote Table Tennis within their Territory in accordance with constitutional principles;
 - c. maintain democratic governance and integrity standards;
 - d. ensure that Athletes, officials, and affiliated bodies under their authority comply with ITTF normative instruments;
 - e. cooperate with integrity, safeguarding, and judicial mechanisms; and
 - f. pay all constitutionally required fees; and
 - g. submit to periodic compliance reviews.

Article 24.2 — Additional Obligations of Full Members

1. Full Members shall, in addition:
 - a. maintain governance systems aligned with ITTF good governance standards;
 - b. organise or participate in international competition; and
 - c. ensure meaningful athlete representation at national level.

Article 24.3 — Duty of Notification

1. Members shall immediately notify the ITTF of any material change affecting their governance, leadership, legal status, or financial stability.

CHAPTER 25 — COMPLIANCE, REVIEW, AND MONITORING

Article 25.1 — Compliance Assessments

1. The ITTF shall establish a governance compliance system for monitoring Member compliance with eligibility and obligation requirements.
2. The ITTF Secretariat shall conduct periodic compliance assessments of Members in relation to the Core Obligations set out in Article 24.1.
3. Compliance assessments shall be objective, evidence-based, documented, and communicated in writing to the Member concerned. Members shall be informed periodically of their compliance status.
4. Compliance assessments shall not be used for political or punitive purposes.

Article 25.2 — Corrective Measures

1. Where a compliance assessment identifies deficiencies, the ITTF Secretariat shall specify the nature of the non-compliance, the evidence relied upon, and the corrective measures required, together with reasonable timelines for remediation.
2. Where non-compliance is identified, proportionate corrective measures shall be imposed before any sanction or demotion is considered, unless urgency or seriousness requires otherwise. Members shall be afforded reasonable time and support to remedy deficiencies.

Article 25.3 — Continuous Non-Compliance

1. Where a Member has been found to be non-compliant with one or more Core Obligations on a sustained basis, as evidenced by documented compliance assessments, the Secretary General shall formally notify the Executive Board.

2. Upon such notification, the Executive Board shall determine whether the conditions for initiating demotion proceedings under Chapter 26 are met.
3. Compliance monitoring under this Article shall not in itself constitute a sanction, nor shall it predetermine the outcome of any proceedings under Chapter 26.

CHAPTER 26 — PROMOTION AND DEMOTION OF MEMBERS

Article 26.1 — Promotion of Associate Members

1. An Associate Member may apply for promotion to Full Member status upon demonstrating sustained compliance with the Core Obligations set out in Article 24.1.
2. Applications for promotion shall be submitted to the ITTF Secretariat, who shall verify their completeness and transmit them, together with a reasoned assessment, to the Executive Board.
3. The Executive Board shall assess whether the objective eligibility and governance requirements for Full Membership are met and shall submit a reasoned recommendation to the General Assembly.
4. The General Assembly shall decide by a Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority of Votes Cast on promotion to Full Member status.

Article 26.2 — Demotion of Full Members

1. A Full Member may be demoted to Associate Member status only where it has failed to meet one or more essential eligibility or governance requirements on a sustained basis, and such non-compliance is serious, persistent, and unremedied, despite reasonable opportunities for corrective action. This requirement shall not be waived.
2. Demotion proceedings may be initiated only by the Executive Board, acting on the basis of documented compliance assessments.
3. Demotion proceedings shall not be used as a punitive, retaliatory, or political measure.
4. The Executive Board shall submit any proposal for demotion, together with a reasoned justification, to the General Assembly for decision.
5. The General Assembly shall decide by a Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority of Votes Cast on demotion to Associate Member status.

Article 26.3 — Procedural Safeguards

1. Any proposal for promotion or demotion shall be conducted under a fair and transparent procedure coordinated by the ITTF Secretariat.
2. At a minimum, the procedure shall include written notice to the Member concerned, issued by the Secretary General, setting out the grounds and supporting reasons relied upon; access to the evidence and compliance assessments supporting the proposal; a reasonable opportunity to submit written observations and to be heard; a reasoned written decision, adopted by the General Assembly and communicated by the Secretary General; and the Member concerned shall be informed of its right to seek review under Part IX.

Article 26.4 — Effects of Promotion and Demotion

1. Promotion or demotion shall take effect prospectively only and shall not invalidate lawful acts taken prior to the decision.
2. Demotion shall result in a proportionate adjustment of rights and obligations, but shall not extinguish the Member's status or its Athletes' participation rights.

Article 26.5 — Distinction from Disciplinary Measures

1. Demotion of a Member under this Chapter constitutes a change in membership status and shall not be regarded as a disciplinary sanction.

2. Proceedings and decisions under this Chapter shall not substitute for, duplicate, or preempt disciplinary proceedings conducted under this Constitution.
3. The existence or outcome of disciplinary proceedings shall not, in itself, determine demotion under this Chapter.

CHAPTER 27 — SUSPENSION, SANCTIONS, EXPULSION AND WITHDRAWAL

Article 27.1 — Grounds for Sanctions

1. A Member may be subject to suspension or other sanctions only for a serious or repeated breach of this Constitution; loss of eligibility to remain a Member; grave failures relating to integrity, safeguarding, or ethics obligations; or conduct that seriously prejudices the interests, reputation, or integrity of the ITTF or Table Tennis.
2. Sanctions under this Chapter are disciplinary in nature.

Article 27.2 — Initiation and Investigation

1. Investigation proceedings affecting a Member may be initiated only by the Secretary General, where information indicating potential sanctionable conduct comes to their attention.
2. The Secretary General shall ensure that any initiation of proceedings is based on credible, documented information and shall notify the Member concerned in writing.
3. Where factual, technical, or integrity-related issues require investigation, the Secretary General may request the relevant mechanism of the Integrity Office to support an investigation or fact-finding inquiry within its mandate.

Article 27.3 — Imposition of Sanctions

1. The determination of whether a breach has occurred, the assessment of responsibility, and the decision to impose a sanction shall be made by the Executive Board.
2. In exercising its function under this Article, the Executive Board shall act on the basis of documented evidence and reasoned submissions; respect due process guarantees; ensure that no member with an actual or perceived conflict of interest participates in the decision; and adopt a reasoned written decision.
3. The Executive Board shall not conduct investigations itself and shall rely on information submitted by the Secretary General; and findings provided by the Integrity Office in an advisory capacity, if any.
4. Upon adoption of a sanction decision by the Executive Board, the Secretary General shall formally notify the Member concerned in writing and enforce the sanction.

Article 27.4 — Types and Effects of Sanctions

1. Sanctions may include, where proportionate and appropriate:
 - a. warnings or reprimands;
 - b. fines or financial measures;
 - c. temporary suspension of specific rights or privileges;
 - d. temporary suspension of membership; or
 - e. expulsion, subject to Article 27.5
2. Sanctions shall be proportionate to the gravity of the conduct and shall not exceed what is necessary to protect the integrity of the ITTF.

Article 27.5 — Expulsion of a Member

1. Expulsion constitutes the most severe disciplinary measure and may be imposed only as a measure of last resort, where a Member has committed exceptionally serious or persistent breaches that fundamentally undermine its continued membership in the ITTF.

2. Except in cases of conduct so grave that continued membership is manifestly incompatible with the objectives and integrity of the ITTF, expulsion may be proposed only where one or more disciplinary sanctions have previously been imposed under this Chapter; and the Member has failed to remedy the underlying breaches or to comply with the conditions attached to such sanctions within the prescribed timeframe.
3. Expulsion proceedings may be initiated only in accordance with Article 27.2 and adjudicated by the Executive Board in accordance with Article 27.3.
4. Where the Executive Board determines that expulsion is warranted, it shall adopt a reasoned written decision proposing expulsion, demonstrating the nature and gravity of the breaches; the sanctions previously imposed and the opportunities afforded to the Member to return to compliance, if any; and the reasons why no lesser measure would be sufficient.
5. The Executive Board shall transmit that decision, together with the full record of proceedings, to the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall decide whether to ratify or reject the proposed expulsion.
6. In exercising its power under paragraph 5, the General Assembly shall limit its review to whether the procedure and safeguards set out in this Constitution have been respected; not reassess the factual findings or substitute its judgment for that of the Executive Board; and act by a Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority.
7. Where the General Assembly ratifies the expulsion, the Secretary General shall formally notify the Member concerned in writing and enforce the expulsion.
8. Where the General Assembly rejects the proposed expulsion, the Executive Board may not impose expulsion on the same facts, without prejudice to the imposition or continuation of other sanctions under this Chapter.

Article 27.6 — Withdrawal of a Member

1. A Member may withdraw from the ITTF by submitting written notice to the ITTF Secretariat with effect from the end of the calendar year.
2. Notice of withdrawal must reach the ITTF Secretariat no later than six months before the end of the calendar year.
3. Withdrawal shall not extinguish liability for acts committed while the Member was affiliated with the ITTF; prevent the continuation or conclusion of disciplinary proceedings initiated prior to withdrawal; or affect the enforceability of sanctions imposed in respect of such acts. Withdrawal does not give rise to any entitlement to reimbursement, compensation, or restitution.

Article 27.7 — Consequences of Suspension, Expulsion or Withdrawal

1. Suspension, expulsion, or withdrawal entails loss of rights as enshrined in this Constitution.
2. Sanctions against Members shall be designed to minimise harm to Athletes and participants not directly responsible for the breach.

PART VI — CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS

CHAPTER 28 — CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS

Article 28.1 — Recognition and Constitutional Status

1. The ITTF recognises Continental Federations as continental-level organisations responsible for the promotion, organisation, and development of Table Tennis within their respective continents, subject to this Constitution.
2. Continental Federations are autonomous legal entities distinct from the ITTF and shall not be regarded as agents of the ITTF.

3. Continental Federations shall not exercise powers reserved to the ITTF under this Constitution.

Article 28.2 — Number and Territorial Scope

1. There shall be one Continental Federation for each of the following continents: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.
2. Each Continental Federation shall exercise authority only within its defined continental geographical scope and in respect of Members affiliated to it in accordance with this Constitution.

Article 28.3 — Continental Agreements

1. The ITTF and each affiliated Continental Federation may enter into Continental Agreements establishing the framework for cooperation, development priorities, and support for pre-determined cycles.
2. Prior to the conclusion of a Continental Agreement, the ITTF shall conduct structured consultations with the Continental Federation concerned to align continental priorities and development strategies; ITTF strategic objectives; and the effective and accountable use of resources.
3. For the purposes of such consultations, each Continental Federation shall:
 - a. identify and communicate its continental development priorities;
 - b. outline the specific challenges and needs affecting its Members; and
 - c. propose expected outcomes and measurable impact to be achieved during the relevant cycle.
4. Continental Agreements shall be consistent with this Constitution and shall not confer governance powers or derogate from the autonomy of Continental Federations.
5. Access to ITTF support under a Continental Agreement is conditional upon continued affiliation.

CHAPTER 29 — AFFILIATION WITH THE ITTF

Article 29.1 — Affiliation

1. The Continental Federations shall be affiliated to the ITTF according to established criteria, prescribed by the ITTF Council following a proposal from the Executive Board.
2. A Continental Federation's affiliation with the ITTF shall renew every 4 years, in the year after the Olympic Games, subject to entering into a specific continental agreement with the ITTF, as per Chapter 28.
3. The affiliation of the Continental Federations has the following goals:
 - a. to increase cooperation in events and marketing as well as to develop Table Tennis cooperatively;
 - b. to formalise the status of Continental Federations within the Statutes;
 - c. to qualify for development funding in accordance with the continental agreement, as per Chapter 28;
 - d. to link continental events to the World Title Events to reinforce greater marketing value and ensure the participation of the top Athletes.

CHAPTER 30 — CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article 30.1 — Rights

1. Each Continental Federation shall have the following rights, subject to this Constitution:
 - a. to submit Propositions for consideration for inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly or the Council;

- b. to be allowed to use the ITTF's name or logo as part of its trading name or corporate identity, upon request and subject to the Executive Board's approval;
- c. to have its championship title competition recognised as the sole continental title championships for that continent; and
- d. to exercise all other rights conferred under this Constitution.

Article 30.2 — Obligations

1. Each Continental Federation shall have the following obligations:
 - a. to have its membership open to all Members whose Territory is situated within its continent, provided that where, for reasons outside the control of Table Tennis, a Member is not accepted as a member of the appropriate Continental Federation, that Member shall have the right to appeal to the ITTF for assistance in securing such membership or, failing that, affiliation to another adjacent Continental Federation;
 - b. to open its championship title competition only to the Athletes of its Members and any attached organisations, subject to the applicable Rules and Regulations of such event;
 - c. to organise Table Tennis competitions in its continent;
 - d. to ensure that its Continental President and other key Officials are democratically elected or appointed in accordance with its statutes;
 - e. to fully comply with this Constitution and corresponding normative instruments; as well as all decisions taken in accordance therewith;
 - f. to administer, promote and develop Table Tennis in its continent according to the ITTF Principles and Objectives;
 - g. to adopt statutes (including its constitution and other normative instruments) which comply with this Constitution;
 - h. to immediately notify the ITTF about any major change concerning it, such as its constitution or regulations, its President or Secretary General, its address or contact details, and provide such other information as required;
 - i. to ensure that its own members comply with this Constitution and corresponding normative instruments.

CHAPTER 31 — GOVERNANCE OF CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS

Article 31.1 — Governance

1. Subject to this Constitution, each Continental Federation's statutes must comply with the principles of good governance, and shall contain, at a minimum, provisions relating to the following matters:
 - a. to be neutral and prohibit discrimination in matters of race, religion, politics, and gender;
 - b. to be independent and avoid any form of political interference;
 - c. to ensure all relevant stakeholders comply with this Constitution and corresponding normative instruments;
 - d. to ensure all relevant stakeholders recognise and exclusively submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the ITTF Tribunal and such other judicial, disciplinary and integrity bodies recognised by the ITTF;
 - e. to regulate matters relating to Table Tennis competitions and sport integrity in its continent;
 - f. to define the responsibilities of the decision-making bodies; and
 - g. to democratically elect or appoint suitable candidates to its executive body.
2. The Continental Federation shall provide the ITTF Secretariat with a copy of its statutes in an ITTF Working Language and with details of any subsequent changes within three

- (3) calendar months from the meeting at which they are made, or upon request by the ITTF.
3. If any inconsistency arises between the statutes of a Continental Federation and the ITTF Constitution, the Constitution will prevail to the extent of that inconsistency.
 4. The ITTF may intervene in the governance or management of a Continental Federation in such manner the Executive Board considers where, after enquiry and having provided the Continental Federation with a reasonable opportunity to be heard, the Executive Board determines that the Continental Federation:
 - a. is having significant governance, administration, operational or financial difficulties;
 - b. is subject to any action or proceedings to dissolve it;
 - c. is involved in any conflict which prevents it from operating effectively; or
 - d. is otherwise unable to fulfil its purposes.
 5. Chapter 27 shall apply correspondingly to Continental Federations, with any necessary amendment deemed to have been made to take account of the different context.

PART VII — ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS, AND VOTING

CHAPTER 32 — ELECTORAL AND DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

Article 32.1 — Constitutional Electoral Principles

1. Electoral processes shall be designed and administered so as to prevent manipulation, undue influence, conflicts of interest, retaliation, vote trading, or the concentration of power.
2. No electoral rule, procedure, or interpretation may be applied in a manner that undermines democratic legitimacy or circumvents constitutional safeguards.
3. Compliance with this Chapter constitutes an essential condition of electoral validity. Material breaches shall give rise to remedies.

Article 32.2 — Legal Certainty

1. Electoral procedures, eligibility criteria, nomination procedures, timelines, and applicable thresholds shall be published sufficiently in advance of any election.
2. No material electoral rule or eligibility requirement may be introduced, amended, or interpreted during an ongoing electoral process.
3. Any ambiguity in electoral procedures shall be interpreted restrictively and in favour of electoral fairness and participation.
4. For the purposes of this Article, an “ongoing electoral process” begins upon opening of the nomination period for the election concerned and ends upon certification of the final results by the competent body.

CHAPTER 33 — THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Article 33.1 — Status and Independence

1. The ITTF shall establish a permanent and independent Nominations Committee.
2. The Nominations Committee shall act autonomously and shall not be subject to instruction, influence, or direction from any ITTF body, Office Holder, Member, Continental Federation, or third party.
3. Any action or omission that materially compromises the independence of the Nominations Committee shall constitute a serious integrity breach.

Article 33.2 — Composition

1. The Nominations Committee shall be composed of eight (8) members.

2. Five (5) members shall be appointed from candidates nominated by Full Members, with one (1) member representing each continent to ensure balanced geographical representation.
3. Three (3) members shall be independent members and shall meet the Independence Criteria set out in Article 7.4.
4. The Chair of the Nominations Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board from among the eight (8) members of the Nominations Committee.
5. The Chair shall preside over the proceedings of the Nominations Committee and ensure the proper conduct of its functions.
6. All members shall be appointed by the Executive Board following an open and transparent process designed to ensure independence, competence, diversity and adequate geographical representation.
7. All members shall satisfy the eligibility requirements established in this Constitution and applicable Regulations.

Article 33.3 — Term of Office

1. Members of the Nominations Committee shall serve for a term of four (4) years, renewable once only.
2. Terms shall ideally be staggered from the initial constitution of the Nominations Committee to ensure continuity.
3. A cooling-off period of one (1) year shall apply following the end of service, during which former members may not stand for elective office within the ITTF.

Article 33.4 — Mandate and Powers

1. The Nominations Committee shall have the power to:
 - a. assess the eligibility and integrity of all candidates for elective office;
 - b. request any information reasonably necessary to perform its mandate; and
 - c. issue reasoned determinations on candidate eligibility.
2. The Nominations Committee shall apply criteria consistently and without discrimination.
3. The Nominations Committee shall not rank candidates, express preferences, or interfere with the free choice of the electorate.

Article 33.5 — Publication of Determinations

1. The Nominations Committee shall publish its determinations on the eligibility and integrity of candidates within a reasonable period prior to the relevant election or appointment, sufficient to enable Members to make an informed decision.
2. Where credible new or emerging information of material relevance to a candidate's eligibility or integrity arises after publication of a determination, the Nominations Committee may issue a revised or supplemental determination.
3. Any revised or supplemental determination under paragraph 2 shall be strictly limited to the new information identified; be reasoned and documented; be communicated without delay to Members and to the affected candidate; and respect the candidate's right to be heard.
4. The exceptional use of paragraph 2 shall not be employed to alter determinations for reasons of political convenience or electoral strategy and shall remain subject to review under Part IX.

CHAPTER 34 — ELIGIBILITY, INCOMPATIBILITIES, AND TERM LIMITS

Article 34.1 — General Eligibility

1. Any candidate for elective or appointed office shall be duly nominated in accordance with this Constitution and applicable Regulations; meet the objective competence and

experience criteria applicable to the office sought; meet all requirements prescribed by this Constitution; and not be subject to any sanction, incompatibility, or unresolved conflict of interest incompatible with the office sought.

Article 34.2 — Incompatibilities

1. The following functions are constitutionally incompatible with elective office in the ITTF:
 - a. employment within the ITTF Secretariat;
 - b. membership of an independent judicial or integrity body of the ITTF; and
 - c. any other function that would result in a direct conflict of interest or undermine the separation of powers established by this Constitution.
2. Any individual involved, directly or indirectly, in the manufacture, sale, marketing, endorsement, or consultancy of table tennis equipment may serve on a Committee but shall declare any conflict of interest, withdraw from discussions and abstain from decisions on matters if so requested by a majority of members of such Committee. An individual falling within this category shall be ineligible to serve on the Executive Board, except for Athlete Representatives.

CHAPTER 35 – VACANCIES AND SUCCESSION

Article 35.1 — Principle of Institutional Continuity

1. Vacancies in any constitutional body or office of the ITTF shall be managed in a manner that ensures institutional continuity, democratic legitimacy, and respect for constitutional safeguards. No vacancy shall suspend or invalidate the functioning of the ITTF or any of its bodies.

Article 35.2 — Temporary Continuation in Office

1. Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, any Office Holder whose term expires, or whose office becomes vacant pending replacement, shall continue to exercise their functions in a caretaker capacity until a successor validly assumes office.
2. Caretaker authority shall be limited to acts strictly necessary to ensure continuity and shall exclude strategic, irreversible, or constitutionally significant decisions.

Article 35.3 — Vacancies in the Office of President

1. If the office of President becomes vacant due to resignation, removal, incapacity, or death the most senior Executive Board member, as determined by length of service, shall assume the functions of President in an acting capacity.
2. An election for President shall be held at the next General Assembly or, where required by urgency, at an Extraordinary General Assembly convened for that sole purpose.
3. The acting President shall not be eligible to extend or renew the mandate by virtue of acting service alone.

Article 35.4 — Vacancies in the Executive Board

1. Where a vacancy arises among members of the Executive Board, the Executive Board may appoint an interim replacement meeting all eligibility and independence requirements, and subject to the vetting procedures of the Nominations Committee; such interim appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the next General Assembly; and the replacement shall serve only for the remainder of the original term.
2. Vacancies among the Athlete Representatives shall be filled in accordance with procedures determined by Regulations applicable to the Athletes' Commission.

Article 35.5 — Vacancies in the Council, Judicial, and Integrity Bodies

1. Vacancies in the Council, ITTF Tribunal, or Integrity Office shall be filled in accordance with the procedures applicable to appointment of the relevant body, subject to interim continuation by remaining members where necessary to maintain Quorum; and, where required, confirmation at the next competent session of the General Assembly as prescribed by Regulation and consistent with this Constitution.

Article 35.6 — No Automatic Extension of Mandates

1. Service in an acting or interim capacity shall not count as a new term; reset term limits; or create any legitimate expectation of election or appointment.

CHAPTER 36 — ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

Article 36.1 — Election Administration

1. Elections shall be overseen and administered by an Election Oversight Panel.
2. The Election Oversight Panel shall be composed of the Secretary General, the Chair of the Ethics Panel, and the members of the Integrity Supervisory Board.
3. Electoral procedures shall ensure secrecy of the ballot, accuracy, and verifiability.
4. The Election Oversight Panel shall administer electoral procedures.

Article 36.2 — Campaign Conduct

1. Campaigning conduct and procedures shall be determined by Regulation and shall ensure fairness and equal opportunity.
2. Use of ITTF resources for campaigning shall be prohibited.

Article 36.3 — Challenges and Remedies

1. Electoral disputes shall be resolved by the competent body under Part IX.
2. Regulation shall prescribe standing, timelines, and expedited procedures for the resolution of electoral disputes.

Article 36.4 – Presidential Election Limitations

1. In any calendar year in which the election for President is scheduled, the Executive Board shall not take decisions to award or revoke Host Cities for the World Title Events or other international competitions.
2. Decisions concerning the awarding or revocation of World Title Events shall ordinarily be scheduled in a different calendar year.
3. Where exceptional circumstances require a hosting decision in a Presidential-election year, the decision shall be deferred or be held outside the Presidential election period and outside the ongoing electoral process to the extent feasible, and not less than six (6) months before the opening of the Presidential nomination period.

Article 36.5 – Commencement of Terms and Transition

1. The term of office for President and Executive Board members shall commence immediately after their election.
2. From the commencement of the new term, the outgoing President and Executive Board members shall cease to hold office and shall have no decision-making authority within the Federation.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, outgoing officials shall remain under a duty to cooperate in an orderly transition process and shall, in good faith, provide all information, documentation, and assistance reasonably required to ensure institutional continuity.
4. A mandatory transition programme, coordinated by the ITTF Secretariat, shall be implemented, including at least one (1) joint transition meeting between outgoing and incoming President and Executive Board members (in person or by secure electronic

means); and the handover of key governance, legal, integrity, financial, and strategic dossiers.

Article 36.6 – Neutral Venue

1. A Presidential election session of the General Assembly shall not be held in the country of nationality of any declared Presidential candidate, including cases of dual nationality.
2. Where, after the venue of the General Assembly has been awarded, a declared Presidential candidate holds the nationality of the host country, the Council shall assess the implications for electoral neutrality and integrity. In doing so, the Council shall take into account a reasoned and non-binding recommendation of the Election Oversight Panel, and all other relevant factors, including financial considerations, before deciding to:
 - a. relocate the General Assembly to an alternative pre-approved neutral venue; or
 - b. separate the Presidential election into a distinct extraordinary electoral session held in a neutral venue; or
 - c. as a last resort, conduct the Presidential election in the original venue of the General Assembly, through secure, independently audited voting procedures prescribed by Regulation, with enhanced safeguards.
3. The decision under paragraph 2 shall be taken no later than sixty (60) days after the close of the Presidential nomination deadline and, in any event, only after the publication of the Nominations Committee's eligibility determinations. The decision shall be based solely on objective neutrality and integrity considerations and shall be adopted sufficiently in advance of the campaign period to ensure legal certainty and equal treatment of candidates.

PART VIII — INTEGRITY, ETHICS, AND SAFE SPORT

CHAPTER 37 — CONSTITUTIONAL INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK

Article 37.1 — Integrity and Ethics as Constitutional Pillars

1. Integrity, safeguarding, and ethical conduct constitute foundational constitutional obligations of the ITTF.
2. No ITTF body may waive, limit, suspend, or derogate from the obligations set out in this Part except as expressly provided in this Constitution.
3. Integrity, safeguarding, and ethical standards may be further specified through binding Regulations, Rules, and Policies, adopted in accordance with this Constitution.

Article 37.2 — Functional Separation

1. The Integrity function shall be exercised through three distinct and independent constitutional mechanisms: the Integrity Supervisory Board (ISB); the Table Tennis Integrity Unit (TTIU); and the Ethics Panel (EP). Together the three bodies make up the Integrity Office.
2. The ISB shall safeguard the institutional independence, resourcing, appointments, and accountability structure of the Integrity Office, and shall not direct, decide, or interfere in individual cases.
3. The TTIU shall be responsible for competition integrity, safeguarding and safe sport, investigations, intelligence, education, and case referrals within its constitutional mandate.
4. The EP shall be responsible for ethical conduct, conflicts of interest, ethics adjudication, and such advisory functions as are expressly conferred by this Constitution.

5. The implementing structural, functional, procedural and investigatory provisions for the Integrity Office shall be stated in the applicable Regulations.

Article 37.3 — Zero-Tolerance Standard

1. The ITTF adopts a zero-tolerance standard in respect of all integrity, ethical and associated misconduct, meaning that credible allegations shall be addressed promptly, independently, and effectively, and that substantiated violations shall result in proportionate consequences.
2. Any act or omission that materially undermines trust in the governance or integrity of Table Tennis may constitute a constitutional breach and shall be addressed through the mechanisms established in this Part and applicable regulations.

Article 37.4 — Scope of Application

1. This Part applies to:
 - a. all constitutional bodies of the ITTF;
 - b. all Members and Continental Federations;
 - c. all Office Holders, candidates for office, and committee members;
 - d. all employees and contractors of the ITTF;
 - e. any third party acting on behalf of, or under delegation from, the ITTF;
 - f. any ITTF-recognised or ITTF-controlled subsidiary, entity, foundation, or commercial structure, including WTT and the ITTF Foundation, in respect of activities carried out under ITTF authority, recognition, or delegation; and
 - g. any bidder, host, commercial partner, supplier, or accredited participant subject to ITTF authority or contractual integrity obligations.

Article 37.5 — Independence Guarantees

1. The Integrity Office shall have independent appointment and removal procedures; a ring-fenced budget line proposed by the ISB in consultation with the ITTF Secretariat, approved by the Executive Board, and ratified by the General Assembly; unfettered access to information necessary to perform its mandate; adequate staffing; capacity to appoint external expert support when required; and immunity from instruction, retaliation, or interference.
2. Any attempt to influence, obstruct, or retaliate against the Integrity Office constitutes serious misconduct.

Article 37.6 — Appointment and Security of Tenure

1. Members of the ISB shall be appointed in accordance with Article 39.3.
2. The Head of the TTIU and members of the EP shall be appointed by the ISB through open, transparent, and merit-based procedures, with independence vetting conducted by the Nominations Committee.
3. Appointments shall be for fixed terms and shall not be aligned with electoral cycles.
4. Removal prior to expiry of term shall be permitted only for cause, including serious misconduct, incapacity, proven loss of independence, or persistent failure to perform core functions, and shall require a reasoned decision, due process and review safeguards.

Article 37.7 — Duty to Cooperate

1. All ITTF bodies, Members, Continental Federations, Office Holders, employees, contractors, and persons subject to this Part shall cooperate fully with the Integrity Office within its mandate.

2. Unjustified refusal to provide information, obstruction, concealment, destruction of evidence, or retaliation constitutes serious misconduct and may trigger sanctions under this Constitution and applicable Regulations.
3. The Integrity Office shall handle information in accordance with confidentiality, safeguarding, data protection, and fair process requirements.

Article 37.8 — No Substitution of Constitutional Roles

1. The Integrity Office shall not exercise electoral eligibility functions reserved to the Nominations Committee or the Election Oversight Panel, nor adjudicatory functions reserved to bodies designated under Part IX, except where expressly provided by this Constitution. The Integrity Office may issue advisory opinions and recommendations within its mandate.

CHAPTER 38 — THE TABLE TENNIS INTEGRITY UNIT

Article 38.1 — Establishment and Mandate

1. The ITTF shall establish a permanent and operationally independent Table Tennis Integrity Unit (TTIU).
2. The TTIU shall have exclusive first-instance responsibility for receiving reports, intelligence gathering, assessment, investigation, education, and case management with regards to:
 - a. match manipulation and betting-related integrity violations;
 - b. safeguarding and safe sport matters, including but not limited to harassment, abuse, exploitation, violence and retaliation connected to such matters;
 - c. other sport-integrity manipulations affecting the integrity of competition; and
 - d. any other integrity matter expressly allocated to it by this Constitution or Regulations.
3. The TTIU shall also plan and implement awareness, information, prevention, and education programmes within its mandate.
4. Matters falling within the mandate of the TTIU shall not be directed, filtered, or reallocated by any other ITTF body, save as expressly provided in this Constitution. This shall not prevent referrals to, or adjudication by, competent judicial bodies under Part IX; the EP from addressing ethical issues falling outside the TTIU's mandate; or the implementation of urgent administrative measures by the Secretary General where expressly authorised by this Constitution or applicable Regulations.

Article 38.2 — Structural and Operational Independence

1. The TTIU shall be structurally and operationally independent in the conduct of assessments, investigations, intelligence activities, case-management decisions, provisional measures within its competence and referrals.
2. The TTIU shall not be subject to instruction from the President, the Executive Board, the Council, the Secretary General, the ITTF Secretariat, or any other political or administrative body in relation to individual matters.
3. The TTIU may be internal to the Integrity Office or outsourced externally, provided that independence guarantees, confidentiality, competence standards, and oversight safeguards prescribed by this Constitution and Regulations are fully satisfied.

Article 38.3 — TTIU Staff, Appointment and Removal

1. The TTIU may use functions and services provided by ITTF staff or external providers on agreed terms, provided that at all times the independence of the TTIU is not compromised and the confidentiality of the TTIU's work is maintained.

2. The TTIU staff shall be employed or engaged on terms that preserve functional independence and shall report exclusively to the Head of the TTIU in operational matters.
3. The TTIU may enlist external organisations and individuals to assist in investigations, intelligence work, safe sport, and education.
4. The Head of the TTIU shall be appointed by the ISB following an open, transparent, and merit-based selection process, with independence vetting conducted by the Nominations Committee.
5. The Head of the TTIU shall report institutionally to the ISB and shall not report operationally to the Executive Board, the President, or the Secretary General.
6. In any matter involving the President, one or more members of the Executive Board, or the Secretary General, the TTIU shall notify the Chair of the ISB and may report directly to the General Assembly on institutional obstruction, resource interference, or non-cooperation risks, in accordance with confidential procedures prescribed by Regulation.
7. Removal prior to expiry of term of the Head of the TTIU may be initiated only by the ISB on the basis of documented evidence and may occur only for objectively defined grounds of incapacity, serious misconduct, or proven loss of independence. Removal shall require written notice of the grounds and evidence; a reasonable opportunity to be heard; a reasoned decision; and such additional review safeguards as prescribed by Regulation.

Article 38.4 — Powers

1. Subject to Regulation, the TTIU shall have the power to:
 - a. receive complaints and reports, including anonymous reports where permitted by law;
 - b. initiate assessments and investigations on its own motion or upon referral from any credible source;
 - c. require cooperation, including attending interviews and/or answering written questions, and the production of documents and information from persons and entities subject to ITTF authority, in accordance with this Constitution and Regulations;
 - d. interview relevant persons and obtain expert, forensic, digital, betting, safe sport, or intelligence assistance;
 - e. impose provisional protective measures only where necessary to prevent imminent harm, protect persons, preserve evidence, or safeguard the integrity of proceedings, as per Regulation; and
 - f. refer matters, with reasoned reports and recommendations where appropriate, to the competent judicial or disciplinary body.
2. No ITTF body may attempt to, or otherwise, interfere with, halt, redirect, delay, filter, or improperly affect an assessment or investigation, including through budgetary obstruction, retaliation, withholding of access or misuse of procedural powers.
3. In matters involving Members, the TTIU shall act exclusively in the advisory and investigative capacity described in Article 27.2 and Article 27.3 and shall not assume adjudicatory functions reserved to other ITTF bodies.

Article 38.5 — Safe Sport-Specific Obligations

1. In safeguarding and safe sport matters, the TTIU shall prioritise protection of victims and vulnerable persons; confidentiality, subject to lawful disclosure obligations and due process requirements prescribed by Regulation; trauma-informed procedures; and prevention of retaliation.
2. Failure to cooperate in safeguarding and safe sport matters constitutes a serious constitutional misconduct and may result in sanctions under this Constitution and applicable Regulations.

Article 38.6 — Jurisdiction

1. The TTIU shall have jurisdiction over conduct within its mandate committed by any person or entity subject to ITTF authority, including all categories of persons defined in Article 37.4, and any other person who has accepted ITTF authority by accreditation, participation, licence, delegation, contract, or submission.
2. Regulations shall specify the jurisdictional links, including event participation, accreditation, bidding, licensing, delegation, and contractual submission.

CHAPTER 39 – THE INTEGRITY SUPERVISORY BOARD

Article 39.1 — Establishment and Purpose

1. The ITTF shall establish a permanent ISB as an independent body responsible for protecting the institutional independence, resourcing, appointment framework, and non-interference safeguards of the Integrity Office.
2. The ISB shall not direct investigations, decide charges, determine merits, or otherwise interfere in the operational activities of the TTIU or the adjudicatory functions of the EP.

Article 39.2 — Composition and Independence

1. The ISB shall be composed of five (5) independent members meeting the Independence Criteria set out in this Constitution, of whom at least three (3) shall possess substantial expertise in law, investigations, compliance, safeguarding, governance, audit, or regulatory oversight.

Article 39.3 — Appointment, Term, and Removal

1. Members of the ISB shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Nominations Committee following an open, merit-based process.
2. Members shall serve for a term of four (4) years, renewable once only, on a staggered basis so far as practicable.
3. A member of the ISB may be removed prior to the expiry of term only for proven incapacity, serious misconduct, or loss of independence, through a reasoned process respecting due process and independent review safeguards prescribed by Regulation.

Article 39.4 — Powers and Functions

1. The ISB shall appoint, evaluate, and, where justified, remove the Head of the TTIU; appoint, evaluate, and, where justified, remove members of the EP; propose and protect the Integrity Office budget; monitor institutional interference, resource constraints, and structural risks affecting integrity independence; receive confidential reports from the Head of the TTIU and the Chair of the EP on systemic matters; and report annually to the General Assembly and the Council.
2. The ISB may issue institutional recommendations and require documented responses from competent organs, but it shall not instruct or overrule operational decisions in individual cases.

CHAPTER 40 — THE ETHICS PANEL

Article 40.1 — Establishment and Scope

1. The ITTF shall establish a permanent EP.
2. The EP shall have exclusive competence over:
 - a. interpretation and enforcement of the ITTF Code of Ethics;
 - b. conflicts of interest not falling within the mandate of the TTIU;
 - c. abuse of office, misuse of ITTF resources, and breaches of fiduciary duty;

- d. conduct likely to bring the ITTF into disrepute, where not related to match manipulation or safeguarding and safe sport.
3. The EP's exclusive competence under this Article concerns the determination and sanctioning of ethical breaches by Office Holders, candidates for office, committee members, and other persons subject to the Code of Ethics. It may conduct fact-finding inquiries within its mandate or rely on an investigative record prepared by the TTIU or another competent body.
4. Where conduct falling within the mandate of the EP also gives rise to disciplinary, membership, or institutional consequences under other Parts of this Constitution, the competent body may rely on the EP's factual findings to the extent permitted by due process and applicable review rights. The determination of consequences shall remain within the exclusive competence of the body empowered under this Constitution, without duplication of proceedings.

Article 40.2 — Independence and Composition

1. The EP shall be composed of three (3) independent members meeting the Independence Criteria set out in Article 7.4.
2. A majority of members shall hold a recognised law degree and relevant professional experience in the field of law.

Article 40.3 — Appointment and Term

1. Members of the EP shall be appointed by the ISB upon independence vetting by the Nominations Committee.
2. Members shall serve for a term of four (4) years, renewable once only. Terms shall, to the extent practicable, be staggered to ensure continuity.

Article 40.4 — Removal and Suspension

1. A member of the EP may be removed prior to the expiry of their term only for proven incapacity, serious misconduct, or loss of independence.
2. Removal proceedings may be initiated by the ISB, based on documented evidence. Removal shall require written notice of the grounds relied upon; a reasonable opportunity to be heard; a reasoned decision; and such additional review safeguards.
3. Temporary suspension pending removal may be imposed only where strictly necessary to protect the integrity of proceedings.

Article 40.5 — Powers and Procedure

1. The EP shall have the power to:
 - a. receive complaints and referrals;
 - b. conduct ethics fact-finding inquiries within its mandate;
 - c. determine whether a breach of the Code of Ethics has occurred;
 - d. issue binding ethics decisions; and
 - e. impose ethics sanctions within its competence.
2. Procedures shall respect due process, equality of arms, and reasoned decision-making.

Article 40.6 — Conflicts of Interest

1. Members of the EP shall be subject to strict conflict of interest policies.
2. Where a dispute arises as to recusal, the remaining members of the EP shall decide, without the participation of the affected member, and the decision shall be reasoned and recorded.

Article 40.7 — Jurisdiction

1. The EP shall have jurisdiction over any conduct falling within its mandate committed by any person or entity subject to ITTF authority, in accordance with Article 37.4.

CHAPTER 41 — SAFEGUARDING, SAFE SPORT AND PARTICIPANT WELFARE

Article 41.1 — Safeguarding as a Constitutional Duty

1. The ITTF shall, within the scope of its authority and activities, take reasonable, timely and proportionate measures to protect Athletes and all participants from harassment, abuse, exploitation, discrimination, and retaliation.
2. Safeguarding obligations apply irrespective of age, gender, level of participation, or contractual status; and apply equally to conduct occurring in-person or through digital, online, or virtual environments connected to ITTF activities.

Article 41.2 — Mandatory Safe Sport Framework

1. The ITTF shall maintain a safeguarding and safe sport framework that includes confidential reporting mechanisms; risk assessment and prevention measures; clear investigative and disciplinary pathways; appropriate protection measures for victims, reporting persons, and witnesses; and designated safeguarding expertise.
2. Safeguarding and safe sport mechanisms shall be institutionally protected from interference by sport-management, electoral, and political bodies.
3. Safeguarding and safe sport reports and complaints shall be received, assessed, and investigated by the TTIU.
4. The safeguarding and safe sport framework shall ensure, at a minimum, trauma-informed and victim-centred procedures; proportionate interim protective measures where necessary to prevent harm or retaliation; confidentiality and data protection safeguards, subject to lawful disclosure obligations and due process requirements; and timely handling of cases.
5. Safeguarding and safe sport matters shall be referred for adjudication and sanctioning to the competent body designated under this Constitution and applicable Regulations.

Article 41.3 — Safeguarding and Safe Sport Obligations

1. Members and Continental Federations shall endeavour to adopt safeguarding frameworks consistent with ITTF standards.
2. Members and Continental Federations shall cooperate fully with the TTIU in safeguarding matters, including by providing information, facilitating access, and enforcing protective measures where required under this Constitution and applicable Regulations.
3. Failure to adopt, implement or enforce safeguarding obligations, or any obstruction or retaliation in safeguarding matters, constitutes a serious constitutional breach and may result in corrective measures or sanctions under this Constitution and applicable Regulations.

Article 41.4 — Prevention, Education, and Training

1. The ITTF and the TTIU working together shall implement safeguarding and safe sport education and prevention measures, including mandatory training for Office Holders, accredited persons, and persons in positions of authority.
2. Members and Continental Federations shall collaborate with the ITTF and the TTIU in implementing safeguarding education consistent with ITTF standards.

Article 41.5 — Safeguarding as a Condition of Events and Delegation

1. Compliance with ITTF safeguarding and safe sport standards shall be a condition for the awarding, hosting, and operation of ITTF-sanctioned events and delegated activities.

2. The ITTF may require event organisers and other entities to implement safeguarding plans and designated safeguarding personnel.

CHAPTER 42 — REPORTING AND PROTECTION AGAINST RETALIATION

Article 42.1 — Duty to Report

1. Any person covered by this Constitution has the duty to report, in good faith, and without undue delay, suspected violations falling within the mandates of the TTIU or EP, in accordance with the procedures established for such purposes.
2. Office Holders, candidates for office, employees, contractors, and accredited persons hold a heightened duty to report.
3. Reports may be made anonymously where permitted by law and where the Integrity Office can reasonably assess the report.

Article 42.2 — Prohibition on Retaliation against Reporting Persons

1. Retaliation, whether direct or indirect, against reporting persons, whistleblowers, witnesses, or complainants, or any person who assists or participates in integrity, ethics, or safeguarding proceedings is strictly prohibited. Retaliation includes, at a minimum, intimidation, threats, harassment, discrimination, dismissal, non-renewal, demotion, exclusion from participation, loss of opportunities, or any adverse action linked to reporting or participation.
2. Where adverse action occurs within a period prescribed by Regulation following a protected report or participation, a rebuttable presumption of retaliation shall apply unless the responsible party demonstrates that the action was based on legitimate grounds unrelated to the report.

Article 42.3 — Confidentiality and Handling of Reports

1. The identity of reporting persons, whistleblowers, complainants, and witnesses shall be kept confidential to the maximum extent permitted by law and consistent with due process. Information shall be disclosed only on a strict need-to-know basis and subject to safeguards prescribed by Regulation. Deliberate or reckless breach of confidentiality constitutes misconduct.

CHAPTER 43 — INTEGRITY OFFICE COORDINATION

Article 43.1 — Allocation of Competence

1. Where conduct potentially engages more than one mechanism established in Article 37.2, competence shall be allocated as follows:
 - a. matters primarily concerning match manipulation, betting-related integrity violations, safeguarding, safe sport, other sport-integrity manipulations, retaliation, or any offences arising from or related to such matters shall be received, assessed, investigated, and managed exclusively by the TTIU;
 - b. matters primarily concerning the interpretation or enforcement of the Code of Ethics, shall be handled by the EP to the extent they do not fall within subparagraph (a).

Article 43.2 — Non-Duplication

1. No duplication of factual investigation shall occur between the TTIU and the EP in relation to the same underlying conduct.
2. Where one body has conducted an investigation, the other may rely on the factual record, findings, and evidence gathered, subject to confidentiality and due process requirements, and shall not reopen factual matters except where manifest error or procedural irregularity is demonstrated.

Article 43.3 — Referrals and Jurisdictional Disputes

1. The TTIU and the EP may refer matters to one another where a complaint falls wholly or partly outside their respective mandates.
2. Any jurisdictional disagreement that cannot be resolved promptly between the Head of the TTIU and the Chair of the EP shall be referred for determination, on an expedited basis, to the ISB.
3. Where a complaint is of a purely national nature, it shall be handled by the relevant Member Association and/or referred to the appropriate National Olympic Committee, unless it presents a sufficient nexus to the ITTF or it is otherwise in the interests of Table Tennis for the Integrity Office to assume responsibility.

Article 43.4 — Cooperation without Interference

1. The TTIU and the EP may exchange information strictly on a need-to-know basis where necessary to fulfil their respective mandates.
2. Information sharing shall be subject to confidentiality, safeguarding protections, and data protection requirements and shall be recorded.
3. Cooperation shall not compromise independence, undermine proceedings, or expose protected persons to retaliation or harm.

CHAPTER 44 — SANCTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

Article 44.1 — Disciplinary Consequences

1. Breach under this Part may result in:
 - a. warnings or reprimands;
 - b. suspension for a specific period or removal from office;
 - c. temporary or permanent ineligibility;
 - d. referral to external authorities; and
 - e. any other sanction expressly authorised by this Constitution or prescribed by Regulation.
2. Sanctions under this Chapter shall be imposed only by the competent body designated under this Constitution.
3. Referral to external authorities shall occur only where lawful and necessary and shall be subject to due process and other safeguards.

CHAPTER 45 — REPORTING, TRANSPARENCY, AND OVERSIGHT

Article 45.1 — Reporting Obligations

1. The Integrity Office shall submit an Annual Report to the Council and to the General Assembly summarising activities, systemic trends, and identified risks, implementation obstacles, and recommendations, subject to confidentiality and other appropriate safeguards.
2. The ISB shall submit quarterly reports to the Executive Board. The Chair of the ISB shall, upon request, be available to participate in meetings of the Executive Board, whether in person or by electronic means, to report on the activities of the Integrity Office, subject at all times to applicable confidentiality requirements and the independence of the Integrity Office. The Executive Board shall ensure that, where appropriate, recommendations relating to integrity and ethics are duly considered for implementation.

Article 45.2 — Non-Derogation

1. No Regulation, Rule, Policy, contractual arrangement, delegation instrument, or relationship with an ITTF subsidiary or associated entity may directly or indirectly limit the independence, mandate, or powers of the Integrity Office.
2. Any such limitation, whether express or implied, is void to the extent of the inconsistency.

PART IX — JUDICIAL BODIES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

CHAPTER 46 — CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE AND PROCESS

Article 46.1 — Right to Independent Justice

1. The ITTF shall ensure access to independent, impartial, and competent judicial mechanisms for the resolution of disputes arising under this Constitution and the Regulations adopted pursuant to it.
2. Judicial bodies shall operate independently from the General Assembly, Council, Executive Board, President, Secretary General, TTIU, and EP.
3. No person shall be deprived of the right to be heard, to a reasoned decision, and to an effective remedy.

Article 46.2 — Scope of Judicial Review

1. Judicial review shall be available in respect of disciplinary and integrity sanctions; electoral and nomination disputes; membership decisions; governance and compliance decisions affecting rights or status; and any other dispute expressly made justiciable by this Constitution.
2. Matters expressly excluded from judicial review by this Constitution shall be narrowly construed.

CHAPTER 47 — THE ITTF TRIBUNAL

Article 47.1 — Establishment and Status

1. The ITTF shall establish a permanent ITTF Tribunal as a judicial body.
2. The ITTF Tribunal shall exercise independent adjudicatory authority and shall not be subject to instruction or interference.
3. The Tribunal shall apply this Constitution, Regulations, general principles of sports law, and, subsidiarily, Swiss law to the extent required and not inconsistent with this Constitution, subject to mandatory law.
4. The organisation of the ITTF Tribunal and procedural matters not expressly regulated in this Constitution shall be governed by the relevant Regulations.

Article 47.2 — Composition

1. The ITTF Tribunal shall be composed of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of eleven (11) members.
2. All members shall be legally qualified and experienced in sports law, disciplinary law, or international arbitration.
3. No member of the Tribunal may hold or seek elected or appointed office within the ITTF, a Member Association, or a Continental Federation; be employed by the ITTF, a Member Association, or a Continental Federation; or have held such positions within the four (4) years preceding their appointment.

Article 47.3 — Appointment and Term

1. Members of the ITTF Tribunal shall be appointed by the Executive Board.
2. Members shall serve for a non-renewable term of eight (8) years.
3. Terms shall be staggered to ensure continuity and institutional memory.

Article 47.4 — Appointment Cycle

1. The Tribunal shall be renewed on a staggered basis such that, as nearly as practicable, no more than one-third (1/3) of Tribunal seats expire in any calendar year.

2. Initial staggering following entry into force of this Constitution shall be achieved through one-time transitional terms of four (4), six (6), and eight (8) years allocated by lot, or by another objective method overseen by the Election Oversight Panel.
3. No appointment of Tribunal members shall ordinarily be held in a calendar year in which the election for President is scheduled, unless necessary to preserve the effective functioning or Quorum of the Tribunal.
4. Where the application of paragraph 3 would cause a vacancy, the outgoing Tribunal member shall remain in office in a caretaker capacity for up to twelve (12) months, solely to ensure continuity, without prejudice to independence.

Article 47.5 — Panels Composition

1. The Tribunal shall generally sit in panels of three (3) members.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the Chair of the Tribunal may, at their discretion, determine that a matter be heard by a sole member where this is appropriate having regard to the circumstances of the case, including considerations of procedural efficiency. Where the parties jointly agree to the appointment of a sole member, the Chair may give effect to such agreement, subject to the Chair's discretion.
3. The Chair of the Tribunal may also, at their discretion, determine that a matter be heard by a panel of five (5) members where the complexity or significance of the case so warrants.

Article 47.6 — Jurisdiction

1. The ITTF Tribunal shall have jurisdiction over all disputes referred to it under this Constitution or Regulations, including those related to ITTF subsidiaries and associated entities.
2. The Tribunal shall not exercise prosecutorial functions.
3. Any decision made by the ITTF Tribunal may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration. The time limit for appeal is twenty-one days after receipt of the decision concerning the appeal.

Article 47.7 — Chair of the ITTF Tribunal

1. The ITTF Tribunal shall elect a Chair from among its members.
2. The Chair shall be responsible for panel constitution, procedural coordination, and external representation of the Tribunal.
3. The Chair shall not exercise any additional authority beyond what is provided in this Constitution and applicable Regulations.

CHAPTER 48 — ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Article 48.1 — Access to Justice

1. The ITTF shall endeavour to take reasonable measures to ensure that lack of financial resources does not prevent access to justice under this Constitution, particularly for Athletes.
2. Legal aid mechanisms may be established by Regulation, subject to constitutional safeguards and financial feasibility.

PART X — FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT

CHAPTER 49 — CONSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES

Article 49.1 — Fiduciary Responsibility

1. The ITTF shall manage its financial resources in a prudent, transparent, and accountable manner, consistent with its not-for-profit purpose and constitutional objectives.
2. All persons entrusted with financial decision-making authority owe fiduciary duties of loyalty, care, and diligence to the ITTF. No financial decision may be taken for personal benefit, political advantage, or purposes unrelated to the objectives of the ITTF.

Article 49.2 — Purpose Limitation and Use of Funds

1. ITTF funds may be used only to pursue objectives expressly permitted by this Constitution. Funds shall not be distributed to Members, Office Holders, or third parties except as reimbursement of properly documented and approved expenses; as remuneration for professional services rendered under contract; or as development funding allocated pursuant to objective and transparent criteria.
2. Council members shall perform their duties on a pro-bono basis, with the exception of reimbursement of their actual costs and travel expenses, as determined in the applicable Regulation. For activities that exceed the usual scope of the function, each Council member may receive appropriate compensation, in accordance with the applicable Regulation.

Article 49.3 — Risk Management

1. The ITTF shall maintain a comprehensive financial and operational risk management system. Material financial or operational risks shall be identified, assessed, mitigated, and monitored on an ongoing basis and reported to the Executive Board.
2. The Executive Board shall report annually to the Council on material financial and operational risks, and mitigation measures.

Article 49.4 — Financial Year

1. The Financial Year of the ITTF shall be the calendar year, running from 1 January to 31 December.

Article 49.5 — Financial Resources of the ITTF

1. The financial resources of the ITTF may include, inter alia:
 - a. membership subscription fees and other fees payable by Members;
 - b. revenues derived from media, marketing, sponsorship, licensing, and exploitation of commercial rights;
 - c. revenues arising from the organisation, recognition, or authorisation of competitions and events;
 - d. fines, penalties, or financial sanctions imposed in accordance with this Constitution and applicable Regulations;
 - e. revenues arising from the Olympic and Paralympic Games or other multi-sport events, where applicable; and
 - f. any other lawful sources of funding consistent with the objectives and non-profit nature of the ITTF.
2. All financial resources shall be subject to the financial governance, audit, and transparency requirements set out in this Part.

CHAPTER 50 — BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL CONTROL

Article 50.1 — Annual Budget

1. The ITTF Secretariat shall prepare an annual budget and multi-year financial forecast.
2. The Executive Board shall review, amend if necessary, and approve the budget.
3. The approved budget shall be binding on the administration.

Article 50.2 — Financial Authority and Controls

1. Financial authority thresholds shall be clearly established by the Executive Board and implemented by the ITTF Secretariat.
2. Dual-signature and segregation-of-duties requirements shall apply to all material financial transactions, as prescribed by Policy.

CHAPTER 51 — AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT

Article 51.1 — External Audit

1. The external auditor shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon proposal by the Executive Board and shall report directly to the General Assembly.
2. The external auditor shall conduct annual audits in accordance with internationally recognised auditing standards.

Article 51.2 — Audit Independence

1. The external auditor shall not provide non-audit services that could compromise independence. Rotation requirements shall apply to prevent long-term dependency, as prescribed by Regulation.

Article 51.3 — Audit Reports

1. Audited financial statements and management letters shall be presented to the General Assembly and made publicly available.
2. Material audit findings shall be addressed through corrective action plans overseen by the Executive Board.

Article 51.4 — Audit and Finance Committee

1. The Audit and Finance Committee shall have direct oversight responsibilities for internal control, internal audit, and external Auditors. It shall report to the General Assembly, and to the Executive Board through its Chair.
2. The Audit and Finance Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) independent members, who collectively shall have appropriate experience in audit, finance, and risk management, and one Executive Board member who shall serve as its Chair.
3. Independent members of the Audit and Finance Committee shall not serve on other Committees or hold a position within the Executive Board or the ITTF Secretariat. They shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, without a break of two (2) years.

CHAPTER 52 — TRANSPARENCY AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Article 52.1 — Publication Obligations

1. The ITTF shall publish:
 - a. separate annual audited financial statements for itself and each subsidiary or associated entity;
 - b. consolidated accounts of subsidiaries and associated entities; and
 - c. remuneration Policies for senior executives and Office Holders.
2. Publication under this Article shall occur no later than six (6) months after the close of the relevant Financial Year.

CHAPTER 53 — FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT AND SANCTIONS

Article 53.1 — Financial Irregularities

1. Misuse of ITTF funds, fraud, embezzlement, or concealment of financial information constitutes a serious integrity breach.

2. Such conduct shall be referred to the Integrity Office, as appropriate, and may be referred to external authorities.

Article 53.2 — Recovery and Liability

1. The ITTF shall pursue recovery of misused funds and may seek damages from responsible persons.
2. Liability under this Article may arise from intentional misconduct or gross negligence, without prejudice to stricter standards under applicable law.
3. Financial liability is without prejudice to disciplinary or criminal consequences.

PART XI — CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, TRANSITIONAL, AND FINAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 54 — AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 54.1 — Principle of Constitutional Stability

1. This Constitution is intended to provide long-term institutional stability and shall be amended only in accordance with the procedures and safeguards set out in this Chapter.

Article 54.2 — Initiation of Constitutional Amendments

1. Constitutional amendments may be proposed only by the Executive Board; the Council; or Full Members.
2. Any proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted in writing to the ITTF Secretariat and shall include the exact proposed text and statement of reasons, in accordance with this Constitution and such other requirements prescribed by Regulation.

Article 54.3 — Voting Thresholds for Constitutional Amendments

1. Unless otherwise specified, amendment of constitutional provisions shall require:
 - a. the Quorum outlined in Article 9.8 for Ordinary General Assembly; and
 - b. approval by at least Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority of Votes Cast.

Article 54.4 — Deferred Entry into Force

1. Constitutional amendments shall enter into force no earlier than six (6) months after adoption at the General Assembly, unless otherwise expressly provided.
2. The ITTF Secretariat shall publish the amended Constitution within a reasonable time, and shall maintain an official consolidated version publicly available.
3. Amendment decisions may include transitional or savings provisions where necessary to ensure continuity, legal certainty, or orderly implementation.

Article 54.5 — Resubmission

1. No constitutional amendment proposal that has been rejected by the General Assembly may be resubmitted within two (2) years, unless materially new circumstances are demonstrated that would reasonably be capable of affecting the outcome.

CHAPTER 55 — TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 55.1 — Continuity of the ITTF

1. The ITTF shall continue uninterrupted notwithstanding the adoption of this Constitution, subject to the transitional provisions herein.

Article 55.2 — Transitional Governance

1. All existing bodies and Office Holders of the ITTF shall continue to exercise their respective functions until they are replaced, reconstituted, or otherwise terminated to conform with this Constitution. For the avoidance of doubt, all persons elected or

appointed to any ITTF office, body, committee, commission, panel, working group, or other position in 2025, or otherwise holding such position as of the date of adoption of this Constitution, shall continue to hold office and exercise their functions until the expiry of the term for which they were elected or appointed, unless they resign or are removed in accordance with the Statutes.

2. All provisions of this Constitution concerning term limits, terms of office, eligibility, incompatibilities, cooling-off periods, composition requirements, appointment procedures, election procedures, or similar requirements shall apply prospectively from the date of adoption of this Constitution and shall not apply retroactively so as to invalidate, shorten, disqualify, or otherwise adversely affect any mandate, office, appointment, or position validly held as of that date.
3. Integrity, Disciplinary and judicial bodies, including the Integrity Unit and the ITTF Tribunal, shall retain jurisdiction to hear, adjudicate, and decide both pending and new matters in accordance with the statutory and regulatory framework in force prior to the adoption of this Constitution.
4. Any members of the ITTF Tribunal in office at the time of adoption of this Constitution shall be deemed automatically appointed to the ITTF Tribunal established under this Constitution. Their respective terms of office shall be calculated from the date of their original appointment to the ITTF Tribunal.
5. The Head of the Integrity Unit in office at the time of adoption of this Constitution shall continue to hold that office until the expiry of their existing term.
6. The independent members of the Integrity Board appointed under the previous Constitution shall, upon adoption of this Constitution, automatically become members of the ISB.
7. Any inquiries, investigations, or proceedings pending before the Integrity Unit or the ITTF Tribunal at the time of adoption of this Constitution shall continue to be governed by the statutory and procedural framework in force prior to adoption, unless the competent body and all parties expressly agree otherwise.

Article 55.3 — Structured Constitutional Transition Framework

1. The implementation of this Constitution shall be phased in accordance with a transition plan approved by the Executive Board.
2. The transition plan shall include timelines for reconstitution of governance bodies; establishment of integrity and judicial mechanisms; and alignment of Regulations.
3. Transitional arrangements shall be time-limited and shall not exceed thirty-six (36) months from entry into force.
4. Progress reports shall be submitted annually to the General Assembly.

Article 55.4 — Transitional Status of Existing Statutes and Instruments

1. Upon entry into force of this Constitution all statutes, regulations, rules, directives, circulars, and policies in force immediately prior to the entry into force of this Constitution (“Pre-Existing Instruments”) shall remain provisionally applicable only to the extent that they are compatible with this Constitution, including its Transitional Provisions.
2. Pre-Existing Instruments shall be deemed reclassified as follows:
 - a. ITTF Statutes 2026 Chapters 2 to 4 shall be deemed Rules under this Constitution
 - b. ITTF Statutes 2026 Chapters 5 to 10 shall be deemed Regulations under this Constitution; and
 - c. strategic frameworks, terms of reference, guidance documents, or non-binding instruments shall be deemed Policies under this Constitution.
3. Any Pre-Existing Instrument that purports to create or modify constitutional bodies or offices; allocate powers not provided for in this Constitution; establish sanctions or

eligibility restrictions without constitutional or regulatory basis; or limit rights protected by this Constitution shall be void to the extent of the inconsistency.

4. Within a transitional period of twenty-four (24) months from the entry into force of this Constitution, the Executive Board shall conduct a comprehensive review of all Pre-Existing Instruments; expressly confirm, amend, replace, or repeal them in accordance with this Constitution; and publish a consolidated and updated corpus of Regulations, Rules, and Policies.
5. All actions lawfully taken under Pre-Existing Instruments prior to their confirmation, amendment, or repeal shall remain valid, provided they are not manifestly incompatible with this Constitution.

Article 55.5 — Exhaustion of Transitional Provisions

1. Upon expiry of the transitional period, the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed exhausted and shall no longer have legal effect.
2. The Secretary General shall be authorised to publish an updated consolidated version of the Constitution reflecting the expiration of any transitional provisions, without altering the substance of the Constitution.

CHAPTER 56 — DISSOLUTION

Article 56.1 — Dissolution

1. Dissolution of the ITTF may be decided only by an Extraordinary General Assembly convened expressly and solely for that purpose, at which at least eighty percent (80%) of the Members are present.
2. A decision to dissolve the ITTF shall require a Four-Fifths (4/5) Majority of Votes Cast.
3. This Article shall only be amended, repealed or replaced by a decision of the General Assembly taken at an ordinary session with a Quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members; and adopted by a Four-Fifths (4/5) Majority of Votes Cast.

Article 56.2 — Disposal of Assets

1. In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets shall be transferred to one or more Swiss legal organisations pursuing similar not-for-profit sporting objectives that are exempt from tax due to public interest, as determined by the General Assembly. The assets of the ITTF shall not be distributed to Members or individuals.

CHAPTER 57 — FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 57.1 — Working Languages

1. The working languages of the International Table Tennis Federation are English and French.
2. Official documents, Minutes, Agendas, and publications may be in one (1) or both languages. Unless decided otherwise, these documents will be provided in English.
3. The English version of this Constitution, all Regulations, decisions, interpretations, and legally binding instruments shall be the only authoritative text for legal purposes.
4. In case of any inconsistency, discrepancy, or divergence, the English text shall prevail.

Article 57.2 — Official Languages

1. The ITTF may, for the sole purpose of facilitating communication and participation, use the following official languages: Arabic; Chinese; English; French; German; Portuguese; Russian; and Spanish.
2. Use of official languages is optional, non-systematic, and subject to operational and financial feasibility.

Article 57.3 — Legal Effect

1. Texts issued in official languages are provided for information only and have no legal or interpretive effect.
2. No right, obligation, or legitimate expectation may arise from the use or non-use of an official language. Reliance on an official language version does not excuse non-compliance with the English text.

Article 57.4 — Proceedings

1. All governance, disciplinary, judicial, and arbitral proceedings shall be conducted in English, unless otherwise required by applicable law.
2. Any translation provided for convenience shall not affect the authoritative status of the English text.

Article 57.5 — Non-Derogation

1. No provision of this Constitution or of any Regulation may be interpreted to limit or undermine integrity, safeguarding, or ethical obligations.
2. Integrity and safeguarding obligations prevail over conflicting interests, including commercial or political considerations.

Article 57.6 — Savings Provision

1. Where a matter arises for which provision has not been made in the Constitution, the Executive Board may provide for the matter as it deems appropriate.

Article 57.7 — Entry into Force

1. Subject to Transitional Provisions, this Constitution shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the General Assembly, unless otherwise specified.
2. Upon entry into force, and subject to the Transitional Provisions set out in Chapter 55, all previous constitutions and conflicting provisions are repealed.