



OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES of a meeting of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission held at 09h00 on **10 December 2010** in the Hotel Bratislava, Slovakia

1. President's welcome and opening remarks

The President welcomed all present.

2. Roll call

Adham Sharara	President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-President
Chérif Hajem	Executive Vice-President
Neil Harwood	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Koji Kimura	Executive Vice-President
Melecio Rivera	Executive Vice-President
Thomas Weikert	Executive Vice-President

Tony Yue	Asian Table Tennis Union representative
Khaled El Salhy	African Table Tennis Federation
Stefano Bosi	European Table Tennis Union
Jairo Orlando Paez	Latin American Table Tennis Union
Mike Cavanaugh	North American Table Tennis Federation
Patrick Gillmann	Oceania Table Tennis Federation

Nico Verspeelt	Para Table Tennis representative
Richard Scruton	LOCOG representative

In attendance

Jordi Serra	Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games)
Glenn Tepper	Executive Director (Development)
Judit Faragó	Executive Director (Competitions)
Mikael Andersson	Executive Director (Education and Training)
Alison Burchell	Deputy Executive Director

By invitation

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Apologies

Yang Shu'an	Deputy President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President
Cai Zhenua	ATTU President

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

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting: the minutes of the meeting held in Moscow on 25 May 2010 were approved.
- 4.2 Business arising from the Minutes: there was no business arising from the minutes, which was not covered by the agenda.

5. Olympic Games 2012: the Commission noted:

5.1 Update and Technical Delegates' visit to London:

- all 3 TDs (2 TDs for Olympics and 1 for Paralympics) were present;
- ORIS was on track;
- sports presentation had reduced their expectations as a result of budget constraints;
- the hotel was within walking distance of the venue for some ITTF officials and technical officials and the balance would be accommodated in a hotel in Mayfair;
- transport for athletes would be 20 minutes from the Village;
- sport equipment was all in place;
- by May 2011 at the latest, some proposals for the colour of the table and floor would be received and finalised;
- should the floor and/or table colour change, the players should be given adequate time to prepare before the Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- the IOC had approved the proposal for technical officials with fewer needed due to the reduction in tables and the chair of the jury being included as a technical official;
- accessible toilets for the Paralympic Games remained a concern.

5.2 Test event:

- the Pro Tour Grand Finals was considered as a good option for the test event;
- the approach of LOCOG was for a small test event to be organised but for the ITTF, it should be a more prominent and important event;
- the Volkswagen Cup was proposed by the ITTF to keep it small but if the ITTF was not involved, LOCOG would organise a local event to test specific areas identified by LOCOG;
- a request for the Pro Tour Finals to be hosted as the test event had to be submitted by 15 December 2010 and this was possible as the last Pro Tour event would be held in mid-November 2011;
- if the Pro Tour Final was approved, 2 days plus 4 days of competition were possible and the new equipment should be used.

5.3 Qualification and competition system:

- the Chinese TTA had submitted recommendations, however these matters had already been decided in previous meetings:
 - using the ranking list issued after the World Championships had been decided to avoid speculation of the ranking lists if the deadline was not fixed after the WTTC;
 - having the singles before the team events allowed all players equal access to the venue and competition environment and this had been decided 2 years ago;
 - the proposal for P accreditations was being considered by the IOC, allocation of P accreditations was done by the NOCs;
 - information should be circulated to the national associations once the IOC made the decision about P accreditations;
 - if a player was injured, he/she would be replaced by another player for the team event only through the substitution policy;

- access to practise during the Olympic Games for P accredited players was being investigated with the IOC.

5.4 Team format:

- the system used in Beijing allowed for tactical decisions to be made by coaches and the media appreciated the breaks between matches for commercial and game analysis;
- the proposal from Japan allowed for players not to play consecutive matches.

5.5 Nominations for the jury from the Continental Presidents: had been received but Asia had requested more time to make its nomination.

The Commission approved:

a) the nominations as Jury members of Khaled El Salhy (Africa), Aleksandar Matkovic (Europe), Jairo Orlando Paez (Latin America), Michael Cavanaugh (North America) and Patrick Gillmann (Oceania).

b) the playing system used in Beijing for the 2012 Olympic Games namely:

Match 1	A v X
Match 2	B v Y
Match 3 doubles	C & A or B v Z & X or Y
Match 4	B or A v Z
Match 5	C v Y or X.

6. **Youth Olympic Games:** the Commission noted:

- a de-brief had been held by the IOC working through the written feedback received from IFs;
- there was general support for the education component, new competition formats and other aspects of the Youth Olympic Games;
- the IOC had been requested to allow IFs flexibility in the age groups;
- the qualification system allowing multiple ways to qualify was successful and could be considered for the next Youth Olympic Games;
- the training camp worked well prior to the start of the Youth Olympic Games;
- for 2014, projects could include talent identification by national associations with support from the ITTF leading to incorporation into various ITTF led projects;
- the Junior Commission had discussed the age groups and had indicated that either a full 4 years age group would be ideal (15 to 18) or a 3 years group, (14 to 16);
- reducing the singles events by removing one group to allow players to participate in the education part of the Games was recommended;
- the Cadet Challenge profile was raised as a result of the Youth Olympic Games.

The Commission asked the Junior Commission to recommend an appropriate age group for table tennis.

7. **Paralympic Games 2012:** the Commission noted:

7.1 Update:

- the joint approach to organising the Olympic and Paralympic Games was helpful;
- to ensure all aspects of accessibility, the test event should include wheelchair players.

7.2 Schedule:

- 9 days of competition and 1 free day were envisaged;

- days 1 to 5 for singles and 7 to 10 would be the team events with 2 sessions per day;
- currently the number of teams was not known but the Beijing schedule would be used as a guide;
- there would be 8 competition tables used;
- the days would be long as there were more matches and more events than in the Olympic Games;
- the IPC had yet to make a decision on the request for 2 additional slots for men and 2 women in class 11 (intellectual disability).

7.3 Classification code: this was a requirement from the International Paralympic Committee for membership and affected the procedures to be applied to the Paralympic Games.

The Commission noted the congratulations for the ITTF being the first sport to include the intellectually disabled.

The Commission approved the classification code noting that modifications would be made in due course.

8. Any other business:

8.1 Venue preparation: the Commission noted that the challenge for the LOCOG Competition Manager was to ensure near perfect playing conditions for the players at the competition venue.

8.2 Out of competition testing: the Commission noted that:

- national anti-doping organisations and international ADOs (including the ITTF) were authorised to do anti-doping testing;
- players, the top 30 men and top 30 women on the ranking list, were included in the registered testing pool and they had to include their movements day by day and hour by hour for each quarter but the player could make changes to their whereabouts once entered;
- when players updated their whereabouts, there was no confirmation that the change had been accepted;
- language was an issue for some players which led to other parties updating a player's whereabouts;
- national associations could get access to ADAMS to check that the whereabouts submitted by players were up to date;
- whereabouts may be required for players during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

9. **Adjournment:** there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10h44.

Adham Sharara
President

Date