



OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission held at 09h00 on **25 May 2010** in the Holiday Inn, Moscow, Russia

1. **President's welcome and opening remarks:** the President welcomed all members as well as the 2 technical delegates for the Olympic Games and the Table Tennis Manager of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee.

2. **Roll call**

Adham Sharara	President
Chérif Hajem	Executive Vice-President
Neil Harwood	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
Koji Kimura	Executive Vice-President
Melecio Rivera	Executive Vice-President
Petra Sörling	Executive Vice-President
Thomas Weikert	Executive Vice-President

Tony Yue	Asian representative
Khaled El Salhy	African representative
Claude Bergeret	European representative
Jairo Orlando Paez	Latin American representative
Mike Cavanaugh	North American representative
Patrick Gillman	Oceania representative
Nico Verspeelt	Para Table Tennis 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	Project Manager
Richard Scruton	LOCOG representative
Yao Zhenxu	Technical Delegate
Graeme Ireland	Technical Delegate

Apologies

Yang Shu'an	Deputy President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Executive Vice-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 Cartagena, Colombia on 12 December 2009 were approved.

4.2 Business arising from the Minutes: there was no business arising from the minutes, which was not covered on the agenda.

5. Olympic Games 2012: the Commission noted that:

5.1 Update including test event, results system, presentation, OBS meeting:

- the test event would be held from 24 to 27 November 2011 with 32 men and 32 women invited, the results system would be tested and the system to invite players to the test event would be finalised in December 2010;
- Swiss Timing now had a partnership with a Korean company for the results system;
- the presentation was under discussion with LOCOG to develop an exciting approach;
- the proposed layout of the venue was being reviewed;
- the court space for the Paralympic Games had been agreed with smaller space for wheelchair tables;
- the U-shaped seating bowl for spectators would soon be signed off;
- a positive meeting had recently been held with the Olympic Broadcasting System, based in Madrid, to share ideas on television and technology options;
- the super slow-motion would be available and all 4 television tables would be covered in full;
- statistics should be available particularly for the media commentators.

5.2 Schedule:

- the wishes of LOCOG and the ITTF's technical requirements had been met in developing the recommended schedule;
- the competition had been confirmed for 12 days;
- all finals had been scheduled for 15h30 London time to meet the requirements of the Asian audience and to avoid clashes with badminton.

5.3 Qualification and competition system:

- the final qualification system was subject to the approval of the IOC;
- the decisions from the Commission meeting held in Cartagena had been implemented and approved by the IOC Executive Board;
- normally the Commission and Board of Directors would approve the qualification and competition system before the IOC approved it but this had not been possible due to time constraints;
- should the Board not approve the qualification system, negotiations with the IOC would be re-opened;
- following several meetings with the Minister of Sport of China, the Chinese Olympic Committee, and the CTTA, there had been final agreement that the restriction on the number of entries per NOC was in the best interest of the sport;
- the IOC had originally proposed the restriction of entries per NOC and was delighted that it had been approved by the Commission;
- the restriction on entries per NOC should be reviewed in the future;
- diversification through expanding the number of events should be considered and the ITTF should not limit itself;
- the IOC was finalising a general policy for P accreditations;
- currently the coaches selected the doubles pair after the singles event but it was also possible that the selection process could be pre-determined.

5.4 Equipment: there was nothing further to add.

5.5 International Technical Officials' nominations: the selections of the referee and local deputy referee for the Olympic Games had been done in line with the process and directives.

The Commission requested:

- a) the Athletes' Commission's input for the invitation system for the test event and the process for selecting the doubles players;
- b) LOCOG to consider including a wheelchair event for the test event using English players to test accessibility;
- c) the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to apply for an additional event (mixed doubles) for 2016;
- d) the continental representatives to nominate members of the jury and submit to the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) by the end of business on 29 May 2010.

The Commission resolved to recommend that the qualification system be approved by the Board of Directors.

The Commission approved the competition schedule and the appointment of Michael Zwipp as referee and Stuart Sherlock as deputy referee for the Olympic Games.

6. Youth Olympic Games: the Commission noted that:

6.1 Update:

- only 1 qualified player had been rejected to be entered by an NOC,
- all other players had been accepted by the NOCs;
- 19 national teams could be formed;
- the formation of continental and inter-continental teams could be done on a voluntary or specified basis.

6.2 Schedule: this had previously been approved for competition to run from 21 to 26 August 2010 and for the future, the schedule should balance play by both genders as women always started the event and the men finished.

6.3 ITTF representatives: these had been submitted and no accompanying persons were permitted. The IOC would consider the number of coaches allowed for each NOC, on a case by case basis, to guarantee that all the qualified sports of each NOC have minimum one coach.

6.4 Cultural programme:

- the players would be present for the full Games and from 15 to 17 August 2010, a training camp would be held;
- head coaches of countries present would be used to run sessions;
- access to the competition hall would be possible the day before the competition started;
- the ITTF would be included in the assessment process for the Games.

6.5 Ratification of ITOs nominated:

- due to the accreditation deadline of 1 May 2010, the ITOs had been appointed but had to be ratified by the Commission;
- the list circulated did not include 18 umpires from Singapore.

The Commission agreed:

- a) to request the continental associations to coordinate the continental and inter-continental teams with the national associations and to submit the teams to the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) by 30 June 2010.
- b) to form inter-continental teams from additional players not placed in continental teams;
- c) that the umpires should use the uniform supplied for the Games provided it was not white.

The Commission ratified the international technical officials selected for the Youth Olympic Games.

7. Paralympic Games 2012: the Commission noted that:

7.1 Update:

- the schedule would be ready for approval in December 2010;
- the floor plan had been finalised;
- an integrated planning and implementation system for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games was being used.

7.2 Qualification system:

- the number of medal events had increased by 3 for players with physical disabilities and by 2 should the intellectually disabled be included in the Games;
- the players had to have an international classification and meet the tournament credit requirement (a minimum number of tournaments in which players had to participate) in a specified period of time;
- thereafter players were selected individually and then teams were selected from those individual players selected;
- players were selected if they won their singles class in the regional championships and then on the basis of ranking, while provision was made for universality wild cards;
- the selection was done for the player and not to the NPC;
- the classification of players with an intellectual disability would be decided on an initial assessment of intellectual disability and then through testing specific to table tennis;
- an additional 2 medal events and 12 players had been included in anticipation of acceptance of the table tennis specific classification system;
- the IPC undertook a regular review of sports to be included on the programme and by July 2010, the ITTF had to submit its application for 2016.

7.3 ITOs and NTOs: the selections of the referee and local deputy referee for the Paralympic Games had been done in line with the process and directives.

The Commission approved the qualification system and the appointment of Francesco Nuzzo as referee and Steve Welsh as deputy referee for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

8. Olympic and Paralympic Games 2016: the Commission noted that the venue for table tennis had not been changed as proposed by the Organising Committee.

9. Any other business: there was no further business.

10. Adjournment: there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11h00.

Adham Sharara
President

Date