



## OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION MEETING

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission held at 09h00 on **9 May 2011** in the Rotterdam Room, Manhattan Hotel, **Rotterdam**, The Netherlands

1. **President's welcome and opening remarks:** the President welcomed all members to the meeting, noting that there would be two more Commission meetings to take place before the start of the 2012 London Olympic Games.

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 Union
Patrick Gillman	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 (Operations)

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

4. **Minutes**

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held in Bratislava, 10 December 2010, were confirmed and signed.

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 **Test event:**

- The test event will be the Pro Tour Grand Finals.
- The event would allow some LOCOG officials to be trained although it would not be a full test event for all areas.
- The last meeting held with LOCOG had been very constructive.

- The contract for the test event established a project board of ETTA, LOCOG and ITTF as well as a project team which had recently had a lengthy meeting.
  - The equipment for the test event would not be the same equipment, which would be used in the Olympic Games, but the manufacturers had been requested to produce the same colour scheme that will be used for the Olympic Games.
- 5.2 Qualification and competition system:
- The timeline for qualification events had to be approved by the Commission to add to the qualification system.
  - The dates and venues for the qualification tournaments in Latin America, North America and the final world qualification event had to be finalised.
- 5.3 Nominations for the jury from the Asian Table Tennis Union: this should be received before the end of the World Championships.
- 5.4 Presentation of the field of play:
- The original concept of black tables had not been accepted by broadcasting.
  - The colour of the table being a dark blue was being investigated.
  - The surrounds would be red/orange.
  - The floor would be a lighter blue than the tables.
  - These colours complied with the overall colour scheme of the Games and would be tested at events prior to the Games.
- 5.5 Olympic Games specific rules:
- The rules from Beijing had formed the basis of the rules for London.
  - The IOC had agreed to “P” accreditations (allowing replacements) for the team event.
  - Players with “P” accreditations would have access to the Olympic Village and to the venue for training.
  - The NOC would be responsible for allocating “P” accreditations for all sports.
  - The procedures for the racket control function would be presented for approval to the next Commission meeting.
  - There would not be any player numbers, as players would have their names and NOC 3 letter codes on their shirts.
- 5.6 Final World Qualification Tournament:
- Bids to host this event had been received from Hungary, Italy, Qatar and Spain.
  - All applicants were capable of hosting the event.
  - This event was held in Europe on all previous occasions.
- 5.7 Appointment of the ITTF anti-doping officer: this function had to be appointed as work had already started for anti-doping and an understudy should be considered for future Games.

The Commission asked:

- a) The relevant continental presidents to confirm to the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) the outstanding information for the qualification events by the end of the World Championships.
- b) ATTU to submit to the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) the member of the jury by the end of the World Championships.
- c) The Technical Delegates, the Executive Vice-President (Finance), the Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) and the LOCOG table tennis manager to finalise the colours of the equipment.
- d) The Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) to issue a memorandum to all associations about the process to apply for “P” accreditations.

After voting, the Commission selected Qatar to host the final world qualification event in May 2012.

**6. Paralympic Games 2012:** the Commission noted that:

6.1 Schedule:

- The event included more tables, more players and more days and so was a bigger competition.
- Days 1 and 2 would be qualification through groups leading to 21 medal events followed by the rest day and the team events.
- The precise number of teams would be known in early 2012.
- The schedule allowed for the maximum number of teams and time per team match.

6.2 Qualification guide update:

- Some minor amendments to the qualification guide were required to allow some discretion for the bipartite commission invitation slots and to provide explicitly for 4 bipartite commission invitation slots for the host nation.

6.3 Paralympic Games specific rules: these mirrored the rules for the Olympic Games.

6.4 Nominations for the jury: these would be submitted to the next meeting once the IPC had approved the technical officials for the Paralympic Games.

The Commission approved:

- a) The schedule for the Paralympic Games.
- b) The changes to the qualification guide as recommended to be submitted to the IPC.

7. **Youth Olympic Games 2014:** the Commission noted that:

- The Nanjing organising committee had planned only a 4 day competition for table tennis but 6 days were required for the table tennis event as it was in Singapore.
- The IOC was reluctant to provide more flexibility within the age range of 4 years (15-18) and wanted to keep the 2 years' range concept of the 15-18 years age band.
- The Junior Commission noted that other sports on the programme had extended the age bracket and so the IOC should allow the ITTF to consider this.
- The restricted age range would exclude some players who would not be able to compete in the Youth Olympic Games.
- The Junior Commission had been canvassed and was in favour of keeping the same events as in Singapore and the IOC had been informed accordingly.
- The Executive Director (Operations and Olympic Games) would visit Nanjing before or after the Executive Committee meeting to be held in China in August to follow up on arrangements.

8. **Any other business:** the Commission noted that the next meeting would be held in Bahrain on 18 November 2011.

9. **Adjournment:** there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10h12.

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Adham Sharara  
President

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Date