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1. ITTF CONSTITUTION

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 NAME

1.1.1 The Federation shall be called the International Table Tennis Federation, referred to elsewhere in this Constitution by its abbreviated title "ITTF".

1.2 COMPOSITION

1.2.1 The ITTF shall consist of the affiliated table tennis organisations, referred to elsewhere in the Rules as "Associations", governing the sport in accordance with the principles of the ITTF in any territory generally regarded as constituting a national, historical or other unity.

1.2.2 Associations shall not be regarded as agents of the ITTF.

1.3 PRINCIPLES

1.3.1 The principles of the ITTF shall be general unity of action, mutual respect of Associations in their dealings with one another and the inadmissibility of discrimination against Associations or individuals on racial, political, religious, gender or other grounds.

1.3.2 The ITTF is committed to providing a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to participate and work in an environment which promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices.

1.3.3 The ITTF is committed to providing a sport environment free of harassment on any basis without exception.

1.3.3.1 The Executive Committee shall impose appropriate disciplinary sanctions from warnings to exclusions from all kind of activity in the ITTF, when a complaint of harassment has been substantiated. The same disciplinary sanctions shall be imposed if a false accusation has been substantiated.

1.3.4 The ITTF is committed to take a responsible approach to safeguarding the environment and managing resources through its practices in hosting events and in managing its operations.

- 1.3.5. The ITTF shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, including, but not limited to, the Code of Ethics and Compliance; the Code of Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, the Olympic Movement Medical Code and the IPC Handbook; and no provision of this Constitution shall be deemed to conflict with or derogate from those principles.
- 1.3.6 The ITTF shall co-operate with the IOC, ASOIF, GAISF, IPC, and other organisations that recognise it as the controlling and governing authority for table tennis throughout the world.

1.4 OBJECTIVES

- 1.4.1 The objectives of the ITTF shall be:
- 1.4.1.1 to uphold the principles of the ITTF and to develop the spirit of friendship and mutual assistance among Associations and players;
- 1.4.1.2 to regulate relations between Associations and between Associations and other organisations;
- 1.4.1.3 to seek continual improvement in the technical standard of table tennis and in the extent of participation in the sport throughout the world;
- 1.4.1.4 to foster friendly sporting competition and to eliminate unfair and unsporting practices such as match fixing, match corruption, irregular and illegal betting, doping or illegal equipment to enhance performance;
- 1.4.1.5 to establish and enforce the Constitution, ~~the Disciplinary Regulations,~~ the Laws of Table Tennis, the Regulations for International Competitions, the Regulations for World, Olympic and Paralympic Title Competitions, the Anti-Doping Rules, ~~the Regulations against illegal betting and corruption,~~ the Code of Ethics, the Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures and any other ITTF regulations.
- 1.4.1.6 to publish the English standard text of the Laws, Rules and regulations mentioned in 1.4.1.5;
- 1.4.1.7 to encourage the publication of the regulations mentioned in 1.4.1.5 in other languages and to check the accuracy of such publications;
- 1.4.1.8 to promote and to supervise World, Olympic, Paralympic and ITTF Continental title competitions;
- 1.4.1.9 to employ the funds of the ITTF as may be expedient in the interests of international table tennis;

- 1.4.1.10 to endeavour to increase participation at all levels, to enhance the popularity of the sport, to develop new sources of revenue, and to manage the sport through a systematic planning process;
- 1.4.1.11 to encourage players, coaches and officials to present the sport positively in the best ways so as to enhance its image.
- 1.4.1.12 to encourage and to support the promotion of women in sport at all levels and to ensure significant representation of women in ITTF committees, commissions and working groups.

1.5 LEGAL STATUS

- 1.5.1 The ITTF is a not-for-profit organisation governed by article 60ff. of the Swiss Civil Code;
- 1.5.2. The ITTF is endowed with legal status and its members, officers and employees shall not be responsible for its debts, unless it is by a grossly negligent or willful conduct.

CHAPTER 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Any Association representing table tennis in a territory and complying with 1.2.1 ~~observing the principles of the ITTF~~ may be elected a member but it shall be recognised as representative only of the territory in which it controls and governs the sport.
- 2.1.2 Where one or more Associations represent table tennis in only part of an area generally regarded as constituting a unity, an Association representing the sport in any other part of the same unity may apply for membership, provided that
- 2.1.2.1 its separateness is due to circumstances outside the sport and of the players concerned;
 - 2.1.2.2 the jurisdiction it claims is clearly limited, in title and constitution, to the territory in which it controls the sport;
 - 2.1.2.3 it is otherwise qualified for membership.
- 2.1.3 In the consideration of such an application, the views of any Association already in membership from the same unity shall be taken into account and in no circumstances shall two Associations be recognised as exercising authority over the same territory.
- 2.1.4 An organisation located outside the territory of any Association may be granted temporary attachment to an Association for the purpose of receiving aid in development and competition; the extended territory shall be regarded as being within the member's control, but approval of the attachment shall be reviewed at each AGM and shall not be renewed indefinitely.

2.2 Application and Election

- 2.2.1 Applications for membership shall be made on a form approved by the Executive Committee.
- 2.2.2 All applications shall be submitted not later than 6 calendar months before the date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which the application is to be considered, except applications from previous member Associations. Such applications may be accepted with immediate effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee, without the need to allow the 6 calendar months. Any such acceptance must be ratified at the next AGM.

- 2.2.3 The Executive Committee shall review all applications on behalf of the **AGM** ~~General Meeting~~ and make recommendations on acceptance.
- 2.2.4 Applications for membership shall be considered by the next **AGM** ~~General Meeting~~ and shall be accepted if they receive at least 2/3 of the votes cast.
- 2.2.4.1 In the consideration of an application in respect of an area for which there is a recognised Continental Federation, the views of that Federation shall be taken into account.
- 2.2.5 In the consideration of applications for combined membership by Associations formerly in separate membership, or for separate membership by Associations which were formerly components of an Association which has divided, or for recognition of changes in the territory in which an Association controls the sport, the views of the organisations concerned and any circumstances outside their control shall be taken into account; secession in other circumstances is not to be encouraged.
- 2.2.6 The representatives of an Association elected to membership at an **AGM** ~~General Meeting~~ shall be entitled to attend the meeting **and to vote after election.**
- 2.2.7 Election and membership of an Association shall not carry any implications in respect of the political, diplomatic or national status of the area concerned, but only to its conduct of table tennis therein.

2.3 Suspension and Termination

- 2.3.1 An Association wishing to resign from the ITTF shall give notice in writing to the Secretariat; the resignation may take effect at any time from the receipt of such notice until the 31st December of the same year but the Association shall be liable for the subscription due for that year. **The written resignation must detail the reason for resignation, proposed timing and all efforts that have made toward retaining affiliation. The Association and the ITTF must have first engaged in either direct or mediate discussions with the purpose of affiliation being retained.**
- 2.3.2 An Association which fails to pay its subscription for 3 successive years shall automatically be suspended from membership; it shall not be liable for subscriptions during the period of suspension and may be re-admitted to membership on payment of part or all of the subscriptions previously due, at the discretion of the **Executive**

Committee; the suspension in this case is a full suspension.

- 2.3.3 An Association that is suspended from membership shall, including but not limited to, not be entitled to nominate or enter players for any event held under the jurisdiction of the ITTF nor to attend or be represented at an **AGM or EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting)** ~~General Meeting~~ nor to nominate any person for election to the Executive Committee, Board of Directors (**referred to elsewhere in this Constitution as "Board"**), any committee, commission or working group nor shall any individual nominated by the Association be entitled to participate in the activities of the Executive Committee, Board, any committee, commission or working group; further:
- 2.3.3.1 no ~~technical~~ **match** official nominated by the Association shall officiate at any ITTF sanctioned event;
- 2.3.3.2 the Association shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the ITTF including but not limited to participation in development activities nor to receive any grants from the ITTF;
- 2.3.3.3 the Association shall not be entitled to host an ITTF sanctioned event save that where an ITTF sanctioned event has been approved prior to the suspension, the Executive Committee may establish a committee to oversee the organisation of such sanctioned event under conditions approved by the Executive Committee, at its discretion.
- 2.3.4 An Association which seriously and persistently fails to maintain the principles or to respect the Constitution and decisions of the ITTF may be censured, fined, suspended or expelled by an **AGM or EGM** ~~General Meeting~~ by a two-thirds majority; a suspension may be cancelled by an **AGM or EGM** ~~General Meeting~~ by a two-thirds majority.
- 2.3.4.1** In a case of a suspension, the **AGM or EGM** ~~General Meeting~~ may allow players from the suspended Association to compete in events under the jurisdiction and flag of the ITTF.
- 2.3.5 Before the **AGM or EGM** ~~General Meeting~~ suspends an Association, the Association must have been sent notice in writing of the proposed suspension at least one month before the **AGM or EGM** ~~General Meeting~~ at which the suspension is to be considered; the Association shall be afforded an opportunity to present its case at the **AGM or EGM** ~~General Meeting~~.
- 2.3.6 The Executive Committee may act to suspend an Association pending

the **AGM or EGM** ~~General Meeting~~, provided that:

- 2.3.6.1 clause 2.3.5 is applied;
- 2.3.6.2 **decision on the suspension is** ~~Executive Committee decides to suspend an Association~~ by a unanimous vote;
- 2.3.6.3 ~~the Executive Committee immediately informs all~~ **Associations are informed** ~~immediately~~ of the suspension providing reasons.
- 2.3.7 The Association which has been suspended or expelled may appeal to the Court of Arbitration of Sport.

2.4. Rights of the Associations

2.4.1 The Associations have the following rights:

- 2.4.1.1. To appoint up to 2 delegates to take part in the **AGM or EGM** ~~General Meeting~~ in which each Association has one vote cast.
- 2.4.1.2 To submit proposals or resolutions for inclusion in the agenda of the **AGM or EGM General Meeting** or the Board.
- 2.4.1.3 To nominate candidates for election or appointment within the ITTF according to the specific rules.
- 2.4.1.4 To enter players for participation in competitions organised under the authority of the ITTF according to the specific qualification rules of each competition.
- 2.4.1.5 To take part in and benefit from ITTF's assistance, development and educational programmes organised directly or through the Continental Federations.
- 2.4.1.6 To exercise all other rights arising from the Constitution or from any other ITTF **Laws and regulations**.

2.5. Obligations of the Associations

2.5.1 The Associations have the following obligations:

- 2.5.1.1 To fully comply with all duties and provisions of the Constitution, Laws and **Regulations** established by the ITTF as well as with all decisions taken in accordance therewith.
- 2.5.1.2 To apply the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, ~~the ITTF Regulations against illegal betting and corruption and~~ **the ITTF Code of Ethics and the Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures**.

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- 2.5.1.3 To immediately notify the ITTF about any major change on the Association (Statutes, Constitution, change of President and/or General Secretary, its address and/or contact details)
- 2.5.1.4 To ~~cause~~ request their own members to comply with the ITTF Constitution. Laws and Regulations established by the ITTF.
- 2.5.1.5 To fulfil at all times the requirements necessary conditions for eligibility to membership
- 2.5.1.6 To pay the annual subscription to the ITTF.
- 2.5.1.7 In the event of any dispute leading to disaffiliation, the ITTF retains all the rights as the international governing body, as if the association was affiliated for the purpose of calling for information and/or specific obligation to be fulfilled by the Association.

CHAPTER 3. ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

3.1 Continental Federations

- 3.1.1 Associations may group themselves into Continental Federations for the purpose of promoting and regulating table tennis within a given continental area; such Federations shall be supported and encouraged by the ITTF, which shall co-operate with them in all matters, provided that the constitution, general principles, rules and policy of the Continental Federation conform to those of the ITTF.
- 3.1.2 Each Continental Federation shall provide the Secretariat with a copy of its Constitution and with details of any subsequent changes not later than 3 calendar months after the meeting at which they are made.
- 3.1.3 Upon request by a Continental Federation and approval by the Executive Committee, a Continental Federation may be allowed to use the ITTF name and logo as part of the “brand name” of the Continental Federation.
- 3.1.4 Membership of the Continental Federation shall be open to Associations whose address in the ITTF Directory is situated within the appropriate Continental area except where, for reasons outside the control of sport, an Association is not acceptable to its appropriate Continental Federation; in such circumstances, which shall not necessarily prevent recognition of the Continental Federation concerned, the Association failing to secure membership shall have the right to appeal to the ITTF to assist in securing membership or, failing that, attachment to another adjacent Continental Federation.
- 3.1.5 Organisations eligible for membership of the ITTF but not yet having applied for membership may, with the consent of the Board, be included in the appropriate Continental Federation for a period not exceeding 1 year but renewable by each AGM; the players of such an organisation shall enjoy the privileges of players of a member Association but only in the Continent concerned.
- 3.1.6 Parts of an Association which lie wholly within a Continental area other than that in which the address of that Association in the ITTF Directory is situated may, with the permission of the Board and the consent of their Association, be attached to the Continental Federation in whose area they lie for the purpose of competition and

the encouragement of table tennis; with the same permission and for the same purposes, Associations lying wholly outside but adjacent to the Continental area concerned may similarly be attached, with the consent of the Federation of the Continent of which they form a part.

- 3.1.7 The championship title competitions of a Continental Federation shall be open only to the players of its member and attached Associations and the ITTF shall recognise such competitions as the sole Continental title championships for that Continent.

3.2. Continental Federations affiliation

3.2.1 The Continental Federations shall be affiliated to the ITTF according to established criteria, proposed by the Board following a proposal of the Continental and Development Council.

3.2.2 The affiliated Continental Federations will renew every 4 years, in the year after the Olympic Games, specific strategic quadrennial agreements with the ITTF.

3.2.3 The affiliation of the Continental Federations has the following goals:

3.2.3.1 increase cooperation in events and marketing as well to develop table tennis cooperatively.

3.2.3.2 legalise the status of continental federations within the ITTF constitution.

3.2.3.3 provide development funding agreements to the affiliated continental federations.

3.2.3.4 provide the use of the ITTF brand and customised continental logo.

3.2.3.5 ensure marketing support and commercial strategic agreements through contractual Memorandums of Understanding with the ITTF.

3.2.3.6 link continental events to the ITTF world title events to reinforce greater marketing value and ensuring the participation of the top players.

3.3. Other Groupings of Associations

3.3.1 Grouping of Associations shall, in principle, include associations that share common objectives (promotion of table tennis in any of its forms or categories, organisation of competitions for specific titles or for areas united by language, history and/or culture)

3.3.2 Each recognised Grouping of Associations shall have the right to organise specific grouping competitions open to all the Associations of the Group provided that the Constitution is observed in respect of play with unaffiliated organisations.

3.3.3. Each recognised Grouping of Associations shall have the following obligations:

3.3.3.1 To fully comply with all duties and provisions of the Constitution, Laws and regulations established by the ITTF, as well as with all decisions taken in accordance therewith.

3.3.3.2 To apply the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, the ITTF Regulations against illegal betting and corruption and the ITTF Code of Ethics.

3.3.3.3 To immediately notify the ITTF about any change on the Member Grouping (Constitution, change of President and/or General Secretary, its address and/or contact details).

3.3.3.4 To cause their own members to comply with the ITTF Constitution, Laws and regulations established by the ITTF.

CHAPTER 4. HONORARY POSITIONS

4.1 Honorary President

- 4.1.1 Any past President of the ITTF shall be automatically bestowed the title of “ITTF Honorary President” with a set of privileges decided by the Executive Committee from time to time. This title can only be revoked by a majority vote of the **AGM** ~~General Meeting~~.

4.2. President's Advisory Council

- 4.2.1 The President may appoint a President’s Advisory Council to advise him or her on various matters. Members of the President’s Advisory Council shall be invited to attend the **AGM and EGM** ~~General Meetings~~ as observers and they will have a set of privileges decided by the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 4.2.2 **The terms of office of the President 's Advisory Council shall coincide with that of the Executive Committee.**

4.3. Personal Honorary Membership

- 4.3.1 ~~An official~~ **A person** who has given long, outstanding service to the ITTF may, on retirement, be appointed a Personal Honorary Member for his or her lifetime by the **AGM** ~~General Meeting~~ on a recommendation by the Board.
- 4.3.2 Personal Honorary Members shall be entitled to attend World Championships, with free hospitality, and to attend **the AGM and the EGM** ~~General Meetings~~ with the right to speak but not to vote.

CHAPTER 5. GOVERNANCE

5.1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.1.1 The **Annual General Meeting**, referred to elsewhere in this Constitution as **AGM**, **is the supreme and governing body** of the ITTF and consists of the assembled representatives of the Associations.

5.1.2 The AGM ~~General Meeting~~ has the following functions and powers:

5.1.2.1 to amend the Constitution and the Laws of Table Tennis.

5.1.2.2 to elect the ITTF President, the ITTF Executive Vice-Presidents and all members of the Board, at an **AGM General Meeting** held in the year following the year of the Olympic Games. All members elected shall serve for a four-year term, ~~but and~~ shall be eligible for re-election **maximum 2 times not more than twice in the same role. After 3 full terms any member should have 1 waiting period term before opting for the same role.**

5.1.2.3 to appoint, in odd numbered years, the full and corresponding members of committees and commissions, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee; except for the Nominations Committee which shall be appointed in even numbered years by the Executive Committee.

5.1.2.4 to designate the host Association of the ITTF World Championships

5.1.2.5. to delegate any of its powers to the Board or to the Executive Committee, on the request of at least one-quarter (1/4) of the Associations not in arrears.

5.1.2.6 to ratify the work done by the Board and the Executive Committee since the last AGM.

5.1.2.7 to decide to deal with a matter normally delegated to another ITTF body or decided upon by this body.

5.1.2.8 all the other functions and responsibilities mentioned from 5.1.8.1.1 to 5.1.8.1.13.

5.1.3. AGM. Representation of Members and attendance

5.1.3.1 Each Association shall be entitled to 2 representatives, referred to elsewhere in this Constitution as “delegates” at an **AGM**.

5.1.3.2 The Executive Committee members, the Board members, the ITTF senior staff, the Honorary Presidents, the Personal Honorary Members and the President's Advisory Council members are also allowed to attend the AGM ~~Meeting~~ with the right to speak but not to vote. All members of committees and commissions shall be entitled to attend the AGM ~~General Meetings~~ as observers, without speaking or voting privileges unless representing an Association. The Committee and Commissions Chairs and the Technical, Junior and Gender ~~Women in Sport~~ Commissioners, as expert advisers, will have the right to speak ~~on their specific concerned items~~. The AGM ~~General Meeting's~~ chair, exceptionally, can allow special guests to attend and speak at the AGM ~~General Meeting~~ too.

5.1.3.3 Representation by letter or proxy is not permitted.

~~5.1.3~~ Every year, there shall be an ~~AGM~~ Annual General Meeting, referred to elsewhere in this Constitution as ~~"AGM"~~ but an ~~Extraordinary General Meeting, "EGM"~~ shall be convened within 10 weeks of receipt by the Secretariat of a requisition in writing submitted by not less than 1/4 of the Associations not in arrears, representing at least 2 Continents.

5.1.4 AGM. Delegates

5.1.4.1 Delegates shall be appointed by the appropriate body of the Association they represent; they shall either carry the citizenship (passport) of this Association or shall have their main residence in the territory controlled by this Association for no less than 12 months. Delegates of Associations belonging to the same state unity, with the same kind of national passport, must have their main residence for no less than 12 months in the territory where the Association has the jurisdiction. The Executive Committee, under special circumstances, can consider grant exceptions from this rule in a case-by-case basis.

5.1.4.2 The ITTF will cover the cost of travel and accommodation for one delegate from each Association not in arrears to attend the ~~General Meeting~~ AGM the year of elections of the ITTF Executive Committee members according to the guidelines approved by the Executive Committee

5.1.5 AGM. Place and Time

5.1.5.1 An AGM shall be held at the place, and during the period, of the World Championships or, if the World Championships ~~is~~ **are** not held at the due time, at such other place and date as the **Executive Committee** may determine.

5.1.6 AGM. Notice of Meeting

5.1.6.1 Notice of the meeting, giving details of the place, date and time and the business to be transacted, shall be sent by post **or e-mail to:**

5.1.6.1.1 each Association;

5.1.6.1.2 the Executive Committee members;

5.1.6.1.3 the Board members, the ITTF senior staff;

5.1.6.1.4 the Honorary Presidents;

5.1.6.1.5 the Personal Honorary Members and

5.1.6.1.6 the President's Advisory Council members. ~~to the person and address to which the notice is sent shall be as last notified by each Association to the Secretariat.~~

5.1.6.2 ~~For an AGM~~ The notice shall be sent not later than 2 calendar months before the date of the meeting.

5.1.7 AGM. Notice of Business

5.1.7.1 Details in writing of **business and** propositions **and resolutions** to be dealt with at an AGM must reach the Secretariat not later than 3 calendar months before the date of the meeting.

5.1.7.2 Notice of the actual closing date in each year for the receipt of business and propositions shall be sent to all Associations by the Secretariat not later than 6 calendar months before the date of the meeting.

5.1.7.3 ~~Business and~~ Propositions **and resolutions**, other than changes to the Constitution or the Laws, of which due notice has not been given but which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, relate to the business in hand **without introducing a new principle** or relate to an emergency may be admitted by a vote in favour of 2/3 of the votes cast at the AGM.

5.1.8 AGM Procedure

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- 5.1.8.1 The agenda for an AGM shall include:
- 5.1.8.1.1 the appointment of a Chair;
 - 5.1.8.1.2 a roll call of the Associations present ~~or represented by proxies~~ (5.1.10);
 - 5.1.8.1.3 the appointment of scrutineers;
 - 5.1.8.1.4 the confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM or EGM General Meeting;
 - 5.1.8.1.5 the consideration of applications for membership;
 - 5.1.8.1.6 the receipt of the Strategic Plan of the ITTF and the Annual General Report, including reports from the Executive Committee members, the Continental Presidents, the Committee Chair persons, the CEO and the Secretary General;
 - 5.1.8.1.7 the receipt of reports from ~~committees and~~ the Olympic and Paralympic Commission, the Development and Continental Council and the Ethics Commission;
 - 5.1.8.1.8 the receipt of the financial report, the audited statement of accounts for the previous year, the consideration of the next year and quadrennial estimate of income and expenditure and the appointment of Auditors;
 - 5.1.8.1.9 the consideration of propositions and resolutions and the reports of ~~any~~ the committees or commissions that have studied them;
 - 5.1.8.1.10 when appropriate, the election of President, Executive Vice-Presidents and the composition of committees;
 - 5.1.8.1.11 the consideration of arrangements for future World Championships;
 - 5.1.8.1.12 the announcement of the place and date of the next AGM;
 - 5.1.8.1.13 the consideration of any other business.
- 5.1.8.2 No speaker shall speak more than once on a proposition except that the proposer shall have the right of reply and that the Chair may, at his or her discretion, allow a speaker to speak more than once to answer a query arising from his or her original statement.
- 5.1.8.3 The Chair shall decide how many speakers will be permitted to speak on a proposition and when the vote shall be taken, except that a motion "that the question now be put" shall be voted on immediately, without further discussion; if such a motion is carried

the proposition or any amendment before the meeting shall then be voted on immediately, without further discussion, subject to the right of reply by the mover of the substantive proposition.

- 5.1.8.4 A question once decided may not be reverted to for re-discussion and re-vote unless the Chair rules, as a matter of urgency, that a case has been made for supposing that the decision taken may jeopardise the whole welfare of the ITTF; a motion to challenge the Chair's ruling that the matter is not of sufficient urgency to justify reconsideration must be taken whenever it is moved.

5.1.9 AGM voting and representation

- 5.1.9.1 Each Association **present** not in arrears shall have 1 vote.
- 5.1.9.2 Questions shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast except that:
- 5.1.9.2.1 changes to the Constitution, **suspensions or** expulsions from membership, the acceptance of belated or emergency business or propositions and the revocation of a World Championships option require a majority of 2/3 of the votes cast;
- 5.1.9.2.2 changes to the Laws of Table Tennis require a 3/4 majority of the votes cast;
- 5.1.9.2.3 dissolution of the ITTF requires a 4/5 majority of the votes cast.
- 5.1.9.3 If there is an equality of votes on an administrative or financial matter the Chair shall have a casting vote; if there is an equality of votes on any other matter the motion shall fail and the meeting shall proceed with the next business.
- 5.1.9.4 Voting other than in elections shall be either by a show of hands, by electronic device, ~~a~~ **by** roll call or ~~a~~ **by** secret ballot, as decided by the meeting on a proposition by the Chair.
- 5.1.9.5 Each President of a Continental Federation shall nominate 2 persons from his or her Continent, for approval by the meeting, to form a list of scrutineers.
- 5.1.9.6 For each vote requiring scrutineers, including elections, names shall be taken from the list in alphabetical order, omitting the representative of any Association having a particular interest in the item, which is the subject of the vote.

5.1.10 AGM. Elections

5.1.10.1. Where there are more candidates or options for a post or posts than the number of vacancies, as long as the simple majority (more than 50%) is not reached, additional ballots will be required. In this case, the candidate or option obtaining the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated.

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

5.1.10.3. Consecutive ballots will be organised until the election is decided.

5.1.10.4. At an election a ballot paper shall be considered valid only if the number of votes cast on this ballot equals the number of vacancies.

5.1.11 Extraordinary General Meeting

5.1.11.1. An **Extraordinary General Meeting, "EGM"** shall be convened within 10 weeks of receipt by the Secretariat of a requisition in writing submitted by not less than 1/4 of the Associations not in arrears, representing at least 2 Continents.

5.1.11.2. For an EGM the notice shall be sent not later than 1 calendar month before the date of the meeting.

5.1.11.3. The requisition for an EGM shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be convened and no other business except the confirmation of the Minutes of the previous **AGM or EGM** shall be transacted at such a meeting.

5.2. THE BOARD

5.2.1. ~~The Board of Directors, referred to elsewhere in this Constitution as "Board"~~ is the **a** legislative authority of the ITTF dealing amongst other responsibilities with all ITTF regulations, except the Constitution and the Laws of Table Tennis. The Board has also the following functions and powers:

5.2.1.1. to receive and consider reports from **Commissioners** and all committees and **Commissions** other than the Finance Committee, the Olympic and Paralympics Commission and the Development and Continental Council

5.2.1.2. to appoint the committee Chairs according to 5.2.6 and all the members of the Finance and Audit Committee and all the members

- of the Ethics Commission.
- 5.2.1.3 to consider propositions regarding ITTF regulations, other than the Constitution and Laws of Table Tennis.
- 5.2.1.4 to award the host Association of the World Junior Championships, and other events, excluding the World Championships.
- 5.2.1.5 to approve the ITTF Administrative and Technical Leaflets.
- 5.2.1.6 to determine the ~~terms of reference and~~ number of full and corresponding members of each Committee .
- 5.2.1.7 to delegate any of its powers to the Executive Committee.
- 5.2.2 The Board shall consist of the President, ~~the~~ Executive Vice-Presidents, ~~the~~ Presidents of Continental Federations, the Chair of the Athletes Commission or his or her appointee and 32 Continental representatives ~~electd by each Continental Federation and confirmed by the AGM.~~
- 5.2.3 IOC members being players or officials of an Association or a Continental Federation ~~with table tennis as his/her main sport~~ shall become ex officio members of the Board.
- 5.2.4 All Chairs of committees and commissions and the Technical, Junior and Gender ~~Women in Sport~~ Commissioners shall be entitled to attend the Board meetings as expert advisers, without voting privileges but with the right to speak ~~on their concerned items.~~
- 5.2.5 The number of Continental representatives shall be proportional to the number of the ~~Continental Federation's member~~ Associations not in arrears ~~in that Continent~~ and shall not exceed 32.
- 5.2.6 The Board shall appoint, in odd numbered years, the Chairs of committees and commissions, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee; except the Chair of the Nominations Committee who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee in even numbered years and the Athletes' Commission whose Chairperson would be elected by the Commission.
- 5.2.7 The Board shall meet as required during the period of the ~~AGM~~ ~~World Championships~~ but shall otherwise conduct its business by correspondence.
- 5.2.8 Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board may be filled by simple majority vote at a Board meeting, but no temporary substitute shall be permitted to attend a Board meeting or to conduct Board business in place of a member absent or indisposed.

5.2.9 Board meetings procedure

- 5.2.9.1 The agenda for a Board meeting shall be sent to all its members not later than 1 calendar month before the date of the meeting.
- 5.2.9.2 At its meeting the Board shall review all propositions and resolutions submitted to the Board and, where appropriate, refer them for consideration by committees.
- 5.2.9.3 The Chair at a Board meeting shall be the President, or, in his or her absence, the Deputy President; if both are absent the members present shall elect one of their members as Chair for that meeting.
- 5.2.9.4 Every question at a Board meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast; if there is an equality of votes the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 5.2.9.5 Voting shall be by a show of hands, a roll call or a ballot, as decided by the meeting on a proposition by the Chair.
- 5.2.9.6 The ITTF shall pay a proportion of the travel costs of its members attending Board meetings, the proportion being decided from time to time by the Executive Committee.
- 5.2.9.7 The proposer of a proposition or resolution is invited to speak in the same way as indicated for the **AGM General Meeting** under 5.1.8.2.

5.3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 5.3.1. The Executive Committee is the executive body of the ITTF with the power to handle the following duties:
 - 5.3.1.1 To approve the internal Organisation **rules Regulations** of the ITTF
 - 5.3.1.2 To appoint the CEO of the ITTF
 - 5.3.1.3 To appoint the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee and all Commissioners and Panels or Working groups
 - 5.3.1.5 To impose disciplinary sanctions for inappropriate conducts ~~(Suspension of players for racket control failures, suspension of Associations, appropriate disciplinary action for harassment conducts,...)~~
 - 5.3.1.6 To determine the terms of reference for all committees, commissions, working groups or panels that the Board or the

- Executive Committee may establish from time to time.
- 5.3.1.7 To approve the ITTF strategic plan to be submitted to the AGM.
- 5.3.1.8 To appoint the bank accounts of the ITTF and the persons with signature on them.
- 5.3.1.9 To approve the remuneration of the President or any elected officer, if applicable. Such decisions must be minuted with specific mention of the names and amounts and must be reflected in the annual statement of the accounts.
- 5.3.1.10 To review all applications for new membership and make recommendations on acceptance.
- 5.3.1.11 To submit rules changes, propositions and resolutions to the AGM or to the Board.
- 5.3.1.12 To define the use of the ITTF name and logo
- 5.3.1.13 To deal with all other current or urgent business and to assume all responsibilities which are not expressly attributed to another body within the ITTF.
- 5.3.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission and 8 Executive Vice-Presidents of which one shall be **appointed** ~~nominated~~ by the President as Deputy President and another one shall be **appointed** ~~nominated~~ for finances.
- 5.3.3 The Executive Committee shall meet during the period of the **AGM World Championships** and otherwise when convened by the President.
- 5.3.4 Vacancies at the Executive Committee**
- 5.3.4.1 If the President resigns or is unable to continue in office, he or she shall be replaced by the Deputy President.
- 5.3.4.2 A vacancy arising in the post of Deputy President shall be filled by an Executive Vice-President nominated by the President.
- 5.3.4.3 A vacancy arising in the posts of Executive Vice-Presidents during the first three years of the running term of office shall be filled by simple majority vote at the next **AGM Annual Meeting** ~~to fill that vacancy~~ for the remaining years of the running term.
- 5.3.4.4 A vacancy arising in the post of the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission shall be filled by one the Deputy Chairpersons elected by this Commission.

5.4 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION

- 5.4.1 The Commission shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, Presidents of Continental Federations or their appointees, the Chair of the Para Table Tennis Committee or his or her appointee and a representative of the organising committees of the next Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- 5.4.2 The Commission shall be responsible for:
- 5.4.2.1 planning, control and supervision of the table tennis events in the Olympic and the Paralympic Games;
 - 5.4.2.2 liaising with the International Olympic and Paralympic Committees, National Olympic and Paralympic Committees and Associations on all matters concerning Olympic and Paralympic competitions;
 - 5.4.2.3 enforcement of the eligibility regulations and confirmation of the eligibility of entrants for Olympic and Paralympic events;
 - 5.4.2.4 drafting and submission to the Board of proposals for a qualifying system for entry into Olympic and Paralympic events;
 - 5.4.2.5 appointing a Jury, Technical Representatives and all **match** officials for the **Olympic and Paralympic** table tennis events;
 - 5.4.2.6 ensuring that the table tennis events at Olympic and Paralympic Games comply with the letter and the spirit of the Olympic Charter and IPC Handbook respectively;
 - 5.4.2.7 initiating and reviewing proposals for the table tennis events at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- 5.4.3 The Commission shall meet during the period of the AGM and at other times when convened by the President.
- 5.4.4 A member of the ~~management~~ **ITTF** staff, appointed by the President, shall attend all meetings of the Commission and shall draft its minutes and reports.
- 5.4.5 The Commission shall submit a written report to the AGM.

5.5 DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINENTAL COUNCIL

- 5.5.1 The Development and Continental Council shall be composed of the President, the Executive Vice-President in charge of Development and the Presidents of Continental Federations or their appointees.
- 5.5.2 The Development and Continental Council shall propose development programme initiatives and future development orientations of the ITTF, giving specific consideration to the

promotion of gender equity, in co-operation with Continental Federations.

5.5.3 The Development and Continental Council ~~will~~ **shall** also discuss all other matters of common interest to the Continental Federations and the ITTF.

5.5.4 The Development and Continental Council shall meet at the same occasion as the Olympic and Paralympic Commission.

5.5.5 **The Development and Continental Council shall submit a written report to the AGM.**

5.6 COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

5.6.1. Permanent Committees and Commissions

5.6.1.1 The Equipment Committee, the Media Committee, the Para Table Tennis Committee, the Rules Committee, the Sports Science Committee, the Umpires and Referees Committee, the Veterans Committee and the Athletes Commission are further permanent Committees and Commissions.

5.6.1.2 The number of persons serving as full and corresponding members on each committee shall be determined by the Board a year before the nomination of committee members.

5.6.1.3 Committees shall normally meet during the period of the ~~AGM~~ **World Championships** and shall otherwise conduct their business by correspondence.

5.6.1.4 A committee may set up sub-committees of its members to deal with specific areas of work; any reports or recommendations of such sub-committees shall be subject to endorsement by the full committee before publication or submission to the AGM or the Board.

5.6.1-5 Each committee shall take interest in Continental and Regional Federations' activities in their various fields and shall advise the Federations through the ITTF Executive Committee on ideas for further development.

5.6.1.6 A member of a committee who does not, within a reasonable specified period, express in writing an opinion on a written proposal circulated by or on behalf of the Chair of that committee shall be considered to have agreed to any resulting recommendation submitted in the name of the committee.

- 5.6.1.7 The Chair of each committee shall submit to the Board an annual report ~~and to the Executive Committee a semi-annual report~~ of the activities of the committee, drawing attention to any recommendations that the committee wishes to make; acceptance of the report shall not automatically imply acceptance of such recommendations.
- 5.6.1.8 A committee may be authorised to act on behalf of the Board but the extent and duration of this authority shall be specified by the Board and shall be reviewed not later than at the next meeting of the Board.
- 5.6.1.9 As far as possible all committee and commission meetings shall be opened to AGM delegates to attend as observers.

5.6.2. The Nominations Committee

- 5.6.2.1 The Nominations Committee shall be composed of at least 6 members determined and appointed by the Executive Committee including significant gender representation from nominations received from national associations in even numbered years with an Executive Vice-President and all Presidents of Continental Federations as ex-officio members.
- 5.6.2.2 The Nominations Committee shall check the qualification and validity of nominations for office, shall supervise the allocation of nominees to committees and shall recommend to the AGM the composition of committees and commissions; provided that sufficient number of female nominations is made for a committee, at least 25% of the number of full members of that Committee or Commission shall be selected out of female nominees.

5.6.3 The Finance and Audit Committee

- 5.6.3.1 The Finance and Audit Committee shall be composed of at least 3 independent members plus one Board member appointed by the Board, the Executive Vice-president in charge of Finances plus one ITTF staff (without vote).
- 5.6.3.2 The terms of office of the Finance and Audit Committee shall coincide with that of the Executive Committee

5.6.4 The Ethics Commission

- 5.6.4.1 The Ethics Commission shall be composed of at least 3 independent

members appointed by the Board plus one ITTF staff (without vote).

- 5.6.4.2 The terms of office of the Ethics Commission shall coincide with that of the Executive Committee.

5.7 OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- 5.7.1 The Board may appoint other commissions, working groups or panels as may be needed from time to time.

- 5.7.2 The Executive Committee shall appoint:

- 5.7.2.1 A Technical Commissioner, whose term of office shall coincide with that of the Executive Committee, plus 1 technical representative nominated by each Continental Federation and not from the same continent as the ITTF Technical Commissioner, for a total of six persons.

- 5.7.2.2 A ~~Gender Women in Sport~~ Commissioner, whose term of office shall coincide with that of the Executive Committee.

- 5.7.2.3 A Junior Commissioner, ~~whose term of office shall coincide with that of the Executive Committee~~, plus one Continental Junior Commissioner nominated by each Continental Federation and not from the same continent as the ITTF Junior Commissioner, for a total of six persons, whose term of office shall coincide with that of the Executive Committee.

5.8 ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

- 5.8.1 Nominations for President, Executive Vice-Presidents and members of the Board or committees may be made only ~~with the consent of~~ by the Association of which the nominee is a member; if this nomination consent is ~~withdrawn~~ ~~revoked~~ after the nominee has been ~~elected or~~ appointed he or she may be removed from his or her post only by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board.

- 5.8.2 No more than 1 person from an Association shall be nominated for the Executive Committee and no-one shall be nominated for more than 1 post of the Executive Committee.

- 5.8.3 A member of an Association that is in arrears shall not be eligible for election

- 5.8.4 Continental representatives on the Board shall each be from a different Association.

- 5.8.5 No person shall at the same time serve as a member of the Executive

Committee and as a President of a Continental Federation.

5.8.6 No person shall serve at the same time as a **full** member of more than 1 **permanent** committee and no more than 4 such posts shall be occupied by members of one Association.

5.8.7 No member of the Executive Committee shall serve on a **permanent** committee ~~without the specific permission of the Board.~~

5.8.8 A person connected in any way with the manufacture, sale or endorsement of table tennis equipment or with consultation on such equipment:

5.8.8.1 shall not be eligible as President or Executive Vice-President;

5.8.8.2 may serve on a committee ~~or otherwise represent an Association~~ but shall withdraw from a meeting or abstain from voting on an issue if so requested by a majority of the meeting that he or she is attending.

5.9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.9.1 Members of any ITTF decision-making body shall avoid any situation that could lead to a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest. Any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest must be declared and action taken by the individual to remove him/herself from the situation where a conflict may arise. It is the personal responsibility of each person to avoid any case of conflict of interest.

5.9.2 The ITTF conflicts of interest policy will set out the procedure for identifying and managing conflicts and potential conflicts of interests or duty affecting all persons involved in the administration ~~and~~ **running** of the ITTF and its business.

5.10 CHANGES TO RULES

5.10.1 Rule change propositions and resolutions may be submitted to the AGM or the Board by Associations, the Executive Committee, Continental Federations, committees and commissions and to the AGM by the Board.

5.10.2 Rule change propositions to be considered at an AGM, **EGM** or a Board meeting must reach the **ITTF Secretariat**—not later than 3 months before the date of the meeting.

5.10.3 Amendments to the Constitution and the Laws of Table Tennis shall be made only at **an AGM or EGM**; amendments to other Regulations

shall be made only at a meeting of the Board ~~held immediately after the AGM.~~

- 5.10.4 Details of all rule change ~~propositions proposals~~ shall be published in the agenda of the meeting at which they are to be considered.
- 5.10.5 The implementation date of each change shall be specified; if there is no such specification, the change shall take effect from 1st January of the following year once a decision is taken. ~~Anti-doping rules may have a different implementation date if it is requested by WADA and/or approved by the Executive Committee.~~

CHAPTER 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

6.1 MANAGEMENT STAFF

- 6.1.1 The Executive Committee shall appoint management staff on agreed terms and conditions and in accordance with the management plan approved by the Board from time to time.
- 6.1.2 A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for the direction and supervision of the ITTF's professional structure and programs.
- 6.1.3 The CEO shall appoint a staff member to serve as coordinator of each committee.
- 6.1.4 ~~The CEO shall employ such other staff as are deemed necessary following the Executive Committee approval, taking into consideration the ITTF annual budget and according to the ITTF open recruitment policy.~~

6.2 ADMINISTRATION

6.2.1 Office

- 6.2.1.1 The Head Office of the ITTF shall be in a place appointed by resolution of the AGM ~~proposed by the Executive Committee~~ or, in emergency, of the Board.

6.2.2 Languages

- 6.2.2.1 The correspondence and proceedings of the ITTF shall be conducted in English or in such languages convenient for appropriate tasks and within the resources of the ITTF as may be determined from time to time by the Board, having particular regard to Arabic, French,

German, Russian and Spanish.

- 6.2.2.2 All languages of ITTF members are equally official and representatives shall be entitled to address meetings of the ITTF in their own language, subject to their provision of interpretation into one of the working languages fixed for use at that meeting.

CHAPTER 7. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

7.1 Accounts

- 7.1.1 The financial year of the ITTF shall be from 1st. January to 31st December.
- 7.1.2 The Executive Vice-President responsible for finance shall ensure that an annual statement of accounts be prepared, which shall be audited by professional auditors, and that a yearly and quadrennial estimate of income and expenditure be presented.
- 7.1.3 The bank accounts of the ITTF shall be held at banks appointed by resolution of ~~the Board on recommendation by~~ the Executive Committee.
- 7.1.4 The power of signature on the ITTF bank accounts should be restricted to the ITTF Trustees and the ITTF operational staff and decided by ~~resolution of~~ the Executive Committee. Individual signatures on any ITTF bank account shall be avoided.

7.2 Trustees

- 7.2.1 The President, Deputy President and Executive Vice-Presidents shall be Trustees for the purpose of purchasing, selling, leasing or otherwise dealing with any freehold or leasehold property or other assets required by the AGM or the Board for the purposes of the ITTF.
- 7.2.2 The Trustees shall be authorised to use the funds of the ITTF in the purchase of such property and assets and shall stand possessed thereof and of the proceeds of sale thereof upon trust for the ITTF in such manner as the Board may from time to time direct.
- 7.2.3 The Trustees shall comply with any laws, statutes and requirements of the countries in which such trust property may be situated which relate to the purchase, sale and management of such property and the duties of Trustees in connection therewith.
- 7.2.4 The Trustees and their estates and effects shall be fully indemnified by the ITTF against all personal risk and expense arising as a result of their appointment as Trustees.
- 7.2.5 The Trustees shall cease to act in such capacity upon ceasing to hold office as President, Deputy President or Executive Vice-Presidents.
- 7.2.6 A Minute signed by the President and a member of the Management Staff shall be conclusive evidence of a decision of any ITTF body.

7.3 Subscriptions

7.3.1 Each Association shall pay an annual subscription of US\$150.

7.3.2 The first subscription shall be paid with the application for membership and subsequent subscriptions shall be due on 1st January of each year.

7.3.3 An Association shall be **in arrears** if its subscription has not been paid by 31st December of the year in which it is due.

CHAPTER 8. JUDICIAL PROVISIONS

8.1 Judicial bodies of the ITTF

8.1.1 The following bodies of the ITTF have judicial powers:

8.1.1.1 The AGM and the EGM.

8.1.1.2 The Executive Committee.

8.1.1.3 The Doping Hearing Panel and/or the ad-hoc Doping Review Panel or the ITTF Anti-Doping Manager depending on the circumstances and according to the ITTF Anti-Doping rules procedures.

8.1.1.4 The Disciplinary Panels appointed by the Executive Committee according to the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions.

8.1.1.5 The Illegal Betting and Corruption Hearing Panel according to the ITTF Code of Ethics Regulations against Illegal Betting and Corruption.

8.1.1.6 The Eligibility Commission according to the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions.

8.2 Procedural rules applicable to the judicial bodies of the ITTF

8.2.1 The judicial bodies of the ITTF shall provide fair procedures to all parties involved and shall respect their fundamental rights. They recognise in particular:

8.2.1.1 That any person acting with the ITTF will not participate in any interaction which could influence an outcome or decision relative to any specific matter if the person has a conflict of interest according to the ITTF Code of Ethics;

8.2.1.2 The right of the person/Association charged to know what he/she/it is charged with and to examine his/her/its file;

8.2.1.3 The right to know the penalties which might be imposed;

8.2.1.4 The right to be heard, to present a defence, to produce evidence and to be assisted by counsel at their own expense.

8.2.1.5 The right to present an appeal to any judicial decision.

8.3. Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

8.3.1 The ITTF recognises the independent Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) with headquarters in Lausanne (Switzerland) to resolve disputes arising from this Constitution or other ITTF rules and regulations, or decisions of the ITTF which cannot be settled by the

ITTF internal appeals process. The parties concerned shall undertake to comply with the Statutes and procedural rules of this Court of Arbitration for Sport and to accept and enforce its decisions, which are final.

8.4 JURISDICTION OF ASSOCIATIONS

8.4.1 Membership and Representation

8.4.1.1 A player shall be regarded as resident in a territory if his or her normal or main residence or base is in that territory; residence shall not be determined by continuity or by duration.

8.4.1.2 Before accepting a player into membership an Association shall satisfy itself that he or she is or intends to be resident in its territory and it shall not retain him or her if he or she terminates such residence.

8.4.1.3 Unless notified of any suspension or expulsion, Associations shall be entitled to regard any player or organisation resident in the territory of an Association and known to have been affiliated to it as eligible for participation.

8.4.1.4 No Association shall make a resident in a territory controlled by another Association or, except after a genuine change of residence, a member of another Association, a member or representative of itself without the prior permission of the other Association,

8.4.1.6 Any dispute under these regulations shall be referred to the ~~Board~~ Executive Committee.

8.4.2 Extent of Jurisdiction

8.4.2.1 In administering and interpreting its own regulations and decisions an Association shall exercise jurisdiction over:

8.4.2.1.1 players resident in its territory, while they are in that territory or in any other territory;

8.4.2.1.2 visiting players, while they are in its territory, except as provided in 8.4.3.1;

8.4.2.1.3 players representing it in a competition who are normally resident in the territory of another Association, but only while they are taking part in that competition;

8.4.3 Visiting Players

- 8.4.3.1 If a visiting player is officially representing his or her Association as a result of an invitation by the visited Association, the visited Association shall acquire no rights of penalty.
- 8.4.3.1.1 The responsible management committee shall have jurisdiction over the conduct of the competition but no subsequent penalty shall be imposed on a visiting player for any offence committed in connection with that competition.
- 8.4.3.1.2 The visited Association may protest to the visiting player's Association about such an offence, but his or her own Association shall retain sole jurisdiction over him or her and the right to impose a penalty.
- 8.4.3.2 If a visiting player participates in table tennis activities other than as an official representative of his or her Association, whether or not his or her visit is the result of an invitation by the visited Association, he or she shall be subject also to the jurisdiction of the visited Association, which shall have the right to impose a penalty for any offence committed in connection with such activities.
- 8.4.3.2.1 No such penalty shall come into operation until at least 1 calendar month after its notification with an account of all the circumstances, to the visiting player's Association.
- 8.4.3.2.2 If the visiting player's Association makes no appeal within 1 calendar month of being notified the penalty may be imposed.
- 8.4.3.2.3 If an appeal is submitted within 1 calendar month the matter shall be referred to the Board and the penalty shall not come into operation before the appeal has been decided.

8.4.4 Payments to Players

- 8.4.4.1 Except when acting under the direct instructions of his or her Association as its representative, a player may accept payment, reward, benefit or allowances for playing in any competition other than Olympic and Paralympic Games, or for exhibition or coaching,
- 8.4.4.2 Subject to any over-riding provisions of 8.4.4.1, each Association shall have absolute discretion to determine and regulate its own policy for payments, rewards, benefits and allowances in respect of players and events under its jurisdiction.

8.5 UNAFFILIATED PLAYERS AND ORGANISATIONS

- 8.5.1 The object is to control, but not to prevent, play between affiliated and unaffiliated players; only teams and players nominated by Associations shall participate in World and Continental Championships, but otherwise such player will, when not contrary to the principles of the ITTF or to the interests of its members, generally be permitted provided due application is made.
- 8.5.2 A player affiliated to an Association shall not take part in any competition, exhibition or coaching:
- 8.5.2.1 in the territory of another Association, unless the body under whose auspices the activity takes place is affiliated to and in good standing with the Association of the visited territory, except with the prior permission of that Association;
 - 8.5.2.2 in a territory not having an Association or whose governing organisation is not affiliated to the ITTF, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, unless the Board has previously given permission for the governing organisation to be included temporarily in the appropriate Continental Federation pending an application for membership;
 - 8.5.2.3 organised by an unaffiliated body, unless permission for the event has been given by the Executive Committee, except as provided in 8.5.6.
- 8.5.3 The Association controlling the territory in which a player is resident shall be responsible for ensuring that he or she complies with the requirements of 8.5.2.
- 8.5.4 A player resident in a territory which has no governing organisation or whose governing organisation is not affiliated to the ITTF shall not take part in any competition, exhibition or coaching in the territory of an Association, except with the permission of the Executive Committee, unless the Board has previously given permission for the governing organisation to be included temporarily in the appropriate Continental Federation pending an application for membership.
- 8.5.5 The Executive Committee may give permission for a table tennis competition to be organised by an unaffiliated body provided that:
- 8.5.5.1 the organising body has undertaken to comply with the appropriate ITTF regulations;
 - 8.5.5.2 the organising body has undertaken not to include affiliated players in the event unless their Associations have given permission;

- 8.5.5.3 the organising body has undertaken not to include unaffiliated players in the event unless the Executive Committee has given permission;
- 8.5.5.4 the application to organise the event is supported by the Association, if any, controlling the territory in which the competition is to take place;
- 8.5.5.5 the supporting Association has accepted responsibility for ensuring that the organising body observes the requirements of 8.5.5.1-3.
- 8.5.6 Where an Association is prepared to accept responsibility for the conduct of an event organised in its territory by an unaffiliated organisation no special permission is required, but the Association shall notify the Secretariat, which will advise all other Associations that the event is in order.

CHAPTER 9. FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1 Dissolution

9.1.1 The ITTF shall not be dissolved other than at an **EGM** ~~General Meeting~~ specially convened for the purpose.

9.1.2 The balance of funds in hand at the time of dissolution shall be divided equally among the Associations not at that time in arrears

9.2 Concluding provisions

9.2.1. This Constitution was approved effective immediately by the ITTF AGM held in Halmstad, Sweden, 1st of May 2018.