

Proposition 8

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

To amend 3.1.2.2:

3.1.2.2. The ~~Board of Directors~~ **Executive Committee** shall have power to authorise the organiser of an open tournament to adopt experimental law variations ~~specified by the Executive Committee~~.

Rationale:

As the EC meets 4 times a year, this provides more dynamism and opportunities.

Proposition 9

Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee.

To amend 3.2.2.7:

3.2.2.7 The players of a team taking part in a team match, and players of the same Association forming a doubles pair in a World, Olympic or Paralympic Title Competition, shall be dressed uniformly, with the possible exception of socks, shoes and the number, size, colour and design of advertisements on clothing. Players of the same Association forming a doubles pair in other international competitions may wear clothes of different manufacturers, ~~if the basic colours are the same and their National Association authorises this procedure.~~

Rationale:

It cannot be the task of the referee to identify whether the clothing is authorised by the relevant Association or not.

Particularly in youth events, it is nearly impossible to enforce players to wear similar clothing during the entire event.

Proposition 10

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Rationale:

There are many instances of pairs from different Associations playing doubles wearing different coloured shirts, and this is also now allowed in World Championships. As the sport becomes more professional and players have personal sponsors the current rule is no longer necessary.

Proposition 11

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

To amend 3.2.2.10:

3.2.2.10 Players competing in a World, Olympic or Paralympic title competition ~~or Open International Championships~~ shall wear shirt and shorts or skirt of types authorised by their Association.

Rationale:

As the sport becomes more professional and players have personal sponsors the current rule is no longer necessary for Open tournaments.

Proposition 12

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

To amend 3.2.3.1:

3.2.3.1 The playing space shall be rectangular and not less than 14m long, 7m wide and 5m high, but the 4 corners may be covered by surrounds of not more than 1.5m length; for wheelchair **and veteran** events, the playing space may be reduced, but shall not be less than 8m long and 6m wide for wheelchair **and 10 m. long and 5 m wide for veteran**.

Rationale:

To allow to introduce in the Chapter 4 of the ITTF Handbook, the World Veteran Championships as official World ITTF event with the current playing field dimensions used for these Championships.

Proposition 13

Proposed by CHI, ITTF member association.

To amend 3.2.5.1.1:

3.2.5.1.1 Advertisements or markings in or next to the playing area, on playing clothing or numbers and on umpires' clothing, shall not be for tobacco goods, **distilled** alcoholic drinks, harmful drugs or illegal products and they shall be without negative discrimination or connotation on the grounds of race, xenophobia, gender, religion, disabilities or other forms of discrimination.

Rationale:

Alcoholic beverage companies have been a major sponsor of sports for a long time, providing much needed income required to grow the development and popularity of sports. There are increasing number of requests from local organisers and alcoholic beverage companies to sponsor table tennis events, and our sport is losing out on these opportunities to other sports each time we reject them. However, we recognise and respect that distilled alcohols, or otherwise known as hard liquor, has higher alcohol content and is not in line with table tennis's values.

Proposition 14

Proposed by the ITTF Media Committee.

To amend 3.2.5.7:

- 3.2.5.7. There may be 2 advertisements on nets on each side of the table which shall be clearly different from the colour of the ball in use, shall not be within 3cm of the tape along the top edge; advertisements placed on parts of the net within the vertical extensions of the side lines of the table shall be a logo, wordmark or other icons in a single dark colour, and shall be contained within 6cm height and 20cm width not obscure visibility through the mesh.

Rationale:

To avoid discussions between umpires and sponsors, and the change does not harm the players.

Proposition 15

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

To amend 3.2.5.9.3:

- 3.2.5.9.3. not more than 2 advertisements, contained within a total area of 400cm², on the back of a shirt; if players' numbers are not used additional advertisements for tournament sponsors shall be allowed, contained within a total area of 100cm².

Rationale:

As the sport becomes more professional, we should look to move away from having back numbers. This already happens at Olympics, major multi-sport events, World Tour and ParaTT events and was also introduced at the World Junior Championships. The additional clause is to allow additional advertisements, as are currently on back numbers, to be put on players' shirts (e.g. iron-on transfer) for sponsors.

Proposition 16**Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.**

To amend 3.6.3:

- 3.6.3.1 Nominated players and pairs of the same Association shall, as far as possible, be separated ~~so that they cannot meet before the closing rounds of an event~~ in terms of 3.6.3.3 and 3.6.3.4 unless otherwise stated in the specific regulations for such particular event or group of events.
- 3.6.3.2 Associations shall list their nominated players and pairs in descending order of playing strength, starting with any players included in the ranking list used for seeding, in the order of that list.
- 3.6.3.3 The entries ranked 1 and 2 shall be drawn into different halves and those ranked 3 and 4 into quarters other than those occupied by the first two.
- ~~3.6.3.4 The entries ranked 5-8 shall be drawn as evenly as possible into eighths other than those occupied by the first four.~~
- 3.6.3.4 Remaining entries shall be separated only in groups and in the first round of the qualification draw for Knock-outs and the main draw, but not in further rounds.
- ~~3.6.3.5 The entries ranked 9-16 shall be drawn as evenly as possible into sixteenths other than those occupied by higher-ranked players or pairs and so on, until all the entries have been allocated.~~

Rationale:

The intent of the current rule is that players from the same Association, who often have to travel a long way, do not have to play matches against compatriots. However, this should only apply to the top players, with all others guaranteed not to meet in the first round proper. This will also make the draw much more simplified and easier to follow.

Proposition 17**Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.**

To amend 3.7.1.2:

- 3.7.1.2 **Except for Veteran competitions**, players from affiliated ITTF member Associations, when competing internationally, can only participate in ITTF events, ITTF approved events and ITTF registered events entered through their national Association, as well as in ITTF recognised events entered through their National Olympic Committee or National Paralympic Committee respectively. Participation in any other type of event can only be allowed with the express written permission of the national Association of the player or the ITTF; permission to players will be considered given unless a specific or general notification is made by the national Association of the player or the ITTF withholding the permission to participate in an event or series of events.

Rationale:

To allow the introduction of the World Veteran Championships as official World Title events in the ITTF, with the possibility to use the current entry system for these Championships.

Proposition 18

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

To amend 3.7.1.2:

3.7.1.2 Players from affiliated ITTF member Associations, when competing internationally, can only participate in ITTF events, ITTF approved events, and ITTF registered events and entered through their national Association, as well as in ITTF recognised events entered through their National Olympic Committee or National Paralympic Committee respectively. Participation in any other type of event can only be allowed with the express written permission of the national Association of the player or the ITTF; permission to players will be considered given unless a specific or general notification is made by the national Association of the player or the ITTF withholding the permission to participate in an event or series of events.

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3.7.3.1 Entry forms for Open International Championships shall be sent made available to all Associations and/or players not later than 2 calendar months before the start of the competition and not later than 1 calendar month before the date for the close of entries.

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3.7.9.1 An event other than World, Continental, Olympic or Paralympic title competitions may be broadcast by television only with the permission of the Association from whose territory the broadcast is made or by the ITTF.

Rationale:

To allow the entries directly by the athletes.

Proposition 19

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

To amend 3.7.6.3:

3.7.6.3 Best of 5 matches (Olympic system, 4 singles and 1 doubles)

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3.7.6.3.2 The order of play shall be:

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|---|-------------------|
| 1) A v X | doubles B/C v Y/Z |
| 2) B v Y | A v X |
| 3) doubles C & A or B v Z & X or Y | C v Z |
| 4) B or A v Z | A v Y |
| 5) C v Y or X | B v X |

Rationale:

To align the Handbook with the proposition of the Olympic and Paralympic Commission for the format of play in the team event to be played at the Tokyo Olympic Games after the analysis at the Team World Cup

Proposition 20

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

To amend 4.1.9.7:

4.1.9.7. Players of the same Association shall be separated according to 3.6.3.1 and 3.6.3.3 ~~3.6.3.4 and 3.6.3.5~~ only in preliminary rounds and groups and in the first round of the draw but not in further rounds.

Rationale:

The intent of the current rule is that players from the same Association, who often have to travel a long way, do not have to play matches against compatriots. However, this should only apply to the top players, with all others guaranteed not to meet in the first round proper. This will also make the draw much more simplified and easier to follow.

Proposition 21

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

To add 4.5.2.3:

4.5.2.3. Players of the same Association shall be separated according to 3.6.3.1 and 3.6.3.3 ~~3.6.3.4 and 3.6.3.5~~ only in preliminary rounds but not in further rounds.

Rationale:

The ITTF World Ranking should be the main criteria for Olympic Draws.

Proposition 22**Proposed by the Executive Committee under recommendation of the Future Events Working Group**

In accordance with the proposition of the 2018 BoD on the new format for the World Championships there are three (3) options recommended, on how the new WTTC can be structured.

Note: The relevant points in the Handbook, under 4: Regulations for World, Olympic and Paralympic Title Competitions, will be updated accordingly once the proposition has passed.

OPTION 1

(Recommendation from Deloitte)

1. The World Table Tennis Championships (WTTC) is expanded and will be open to all national associations.
2. It will be consisting of the following stages:
 - 2.1. Finals
 - 2.2. Inter-Continental Stage (only applicable for team events)
 - 2.3. Continental Stage
 - 2.4. Regional Stage (where applicable for each Continent)
3. In even numbered years, the Finals shall include men's and women's team events; while in odd numbered years the Finals shall include men's, women's singles, men's, women's and mixed doubles events.
4. An initial official document containing all details for each year's WTTC different stages will be published prior to the first stage (regional).
5. In addition to the current eligibility rules, players and teams are eligible to participate in each stage, provided that they have participated in the earlier stages. The only non-mandatory event is that of the Regional Stage and according to each continent.
6. A dynamic formula has been devised for the calculation of quota places per Continent, for each stage:
 - 6.1. the formula comprises of three metrics; universality, performance, active participation.
 - 6.2. the formula and the numbers deriving from it, for each stage, will apply before the first stages of the WTTC on a fixed date, which will be announced on the initial official document for each year's WTTC.
7. **Finals**
 - 7.1. The Finals for **teams** will comprise of 32 men's and 32 women's teams:
 - 7.1.1. 1 Team, as the host association (the continent hosting the WTTC will receive an equivalent number of places to the continental allocation, in addition to what will derive from the dynamic formula).
 - 7.1.2. 6 Teams, from the Inter-Continental Stage
 - 7.1.3. 25 Teams, from the Continental Stage
 - 7.2. Each Association shall be entitled to qualify 1 men's and 1 women's team.
 - 7.3. The system of play will be comprising of two phases:
 - 7.3.1. The first stage which will be a round robin of eight (8) groups of four (4) teams. The winner and runner up of each group will qualify to the final stage.
 - 7.3.2. The final stage will be a straight knockout of 16 teams.
 - 7.4. The Finals for **individuals** will comprise of 128 men's singles, 128 women's singles, 64 mixed doubles, 64 men's doubles and 64 women's doubles:

- 7.4.1. 3 players in Singles, 2 pairs in Doubles, as the host association (the continent hosting the WTTC will receive an equivalent number of places to the continental allocation, in addition to what will derive from the dynamic formula).
 - 7.4.2. 93 players in Singles, 47 pairs in Doubles from the Continental Stage.
 - 7.4.3. 32 players, 15 pairs in Doubles highest-ranked players/pairs, not already qualified via the Continental Stage.
 - 7.5. Each Association shall be entitled to qualify up to 3 men and 3 women players in each singles event, with one additional player ranked in the top 100 and one additional player ranked in the top 20 of the ITTF world ranking list (month and year will be determined on the initial official document) to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women. The maximum number for each association is 4 players for men's doubles, 4 players for women's doubles and 2 men and 2 women for mixed doubles; all players may be different, however, each association can only qualify a maximum of 2 combined pairs (players from different associations) per doubles event.
 - 7.6. Players/pairs qualifying for the Finals are individually qualified and their places cannot be reallocated to other players of the same association, unless the next eligible player/pair is from the same association.
 - 7.7. The system of play will be comprising of one stage only and will be played in straight knockout for all individual events.
- 8. Inter-Continental Stage** (only applicable for team events)
- 8.1. The Inter-Continental Stage for teams will comprise of 12 men's and 12 women's teams:
 - 8.1.1. 6 highest-ranked teams from each continent, not already qualified to the Finals through the Continental Stage, according to the Team World Ranking. For Continents with only one guaranteed place for this stage a decision can be made by ITTF and announced in the official initial document, to have the runner up from the Continental stage qualifying.
 - 8.1.2. 6 teams, based on the performance at the Continental stage and the number of Continental quota places, as deriving from the dynamic formula.
 - 8.2. Each Association shall be entitled to qualify 1 men's and 1 women's team.
 - 8.3. The system of play will be comprising of:
 - 8.3.1. A round robin of four (4) groups of three (3) teams. The winner of each group (total 4) will qualify directly to the Finals and the runner ups (4) of Groups A and B and Groups C and D, will play a knockout match for the remaining two (2) places. Groups A and B would need to play in the same location and so would groups C and D, to allow the second placed teams to play-off without further travel.
- 9. Continental Stage**
- 9.1. (According to the pilot proposition as found in the Deloitte report. Details are to be discussed and confirmed per Continent).
- 10. Regional Stage**
- 10.1. (According to the pilot proposition as found in the Deloitte report. Details are to be discussed and confirmed per Continent).

OPTION 2

(Based on FEWG feedback. Differences compared to option 1 marked in green highlight)

1. The World Table Tennis Championships (WTTTC) is expanded and will be open to all national associations.
2. It will be consisting of the following stages:
 - 2.1. Finals
 - 2.2. Inter-Continental Stage (only applicable for team events)
 - 2.3. Continental Stage
 - 2.4. Regional Stage (where applicable for each Continent)
3. In even numbered years, the Finals shall include men's and women's team events; while in odd numbered years the Finals shall include men's, women's singles, men's, women's and mixed doubles events.
4. An initial official document containing all details for each year's WTTTC different stages will be published prior to the first stage (regional).
5. In addition to the current eligibility rules, players and teams are eligible to participate in each stage, provided that they have participated in the earlier stages. The only non-mandatory event is that of the Regional Stage and according to each continent.
6. A dynamic formula has been devised for the calculation of quota places per Continent, for each stage:
 - 6.1. the formula comprises of three metrics; universality, performance, active participation.
 - 6.2. the formula and the numbers deriving from it, for each stage, will apply before the first stages of the WTTTC on a fixed date, which will be announced on the initial official document for each year's WTTTC.
7. **Finals**
 - 7.1. The Finals for **teams** will comprise of 32 men's and 32 women's teams:
 - 7.1.1. 1 Team, as the host association (the continent hosting the WTTTC will receive an equivalent number of places to the continental allocation, in addition to what will derive from the dynamic formula).
 - 7.1.2. 6 Teams, from the Inter-Continental Stage
 - 7.1.3. 25 Teams, from the Continental Stage
 - 7.2. Each Association shall be entitled to qualify 1 men's and 1 women's team.
 - 7.3. The system of play will be comprising of two phases:
 - 7.3.1. The first stage which will be a round robin of eight (8) groups of four (4) teams. The winner and runner up of each group will qualify to the final stage.
 - 7.3.2. The final stage will be a straight knockout of 16 teams.
 - 7.4. The Finals for **individuals** will comprise of 128 men's singles, 128 women's singles, 64 mixed doubles, 64 men's doubles and 64 women's doubles:
 - 7.4.1. 3 players in Singles, 2 pairs in Doubles, as the host association (the continent hosting the WTTTC will receive an equivalent number of places to the continental allocation, in addition to what will derive from the dynamic formula).
 - 7.4.2. 93 players in Singles, 47 pairs in Doubles from the Continental Stage.
 - 7.4.3. 32 players, 15 pairs in Doubles highest-ranked players/pairs, not already qualified via the Continental Stage.
 - 7.5. Each Association shall be entitled to qualify up to 3 men and 3 women players in each singles event, with one additional player ranked in the top 100 and one additional player ranked in the top 20 of the ITTF world ranking list (month and year will be determined on the initial official document) to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women. The maximum number for each association is 4 players for men's doubles, 4 players for women's doubles and 2 men and 2 women for mixed doubles; all players may be different, however, each association can only qualify a maximum of 2 combined pairs (players from different associations) per doubles event.

- 7.6. Players/pairs qualifying for the Finals are individually qualified and their places cannot be reallocated to other players of the same association, unless the next eligible player/pair is from the same association.
- 7.7. The system of play will be comprising of one stage only and will be played in straight knockout for all individual events.
8. **Inter-Continental Stage** (only applicable for team events)
 - 8.1. The Inter-Continental Stage for teams will comprise of 24 men's and 24 women's teams:
 - 8.1.1. 12 highest-ranked teams from each continent, not already qualified to the Finals through the Continental Stage, according to the Team World Ranking. For Continents with only one guaranteed place for this stage a decision can be made by ITTF and announced in the official initial document, to have the runner up from the Continental stage qualifying.
 - 8.1.2. 12 teams, based on the performance at the Continental stage and the number of Continental quota places, as deriving from the dynamic formula.
 - 8.2. Each Association shall be entitled to qualify 1 men's and 1 women's team.
 - 8.3. The system of play will be comprising of:
 - 8.3.1. A round robin of six (6) groups of four (4) teams. The winner of each group (total 6) will qualify directly to the Finals.
9. **Continental Stage**
 - 9.1. (According to the pilot proposition as found in the Deloitte report. Details are to be discussed and confirmed per Continent).
10. **Regional Stage**
 - 10.1. (According to the pilot proposition as found in the Deloitte report. Details are to be discussed and confirmed per Continent).

OPTION 3

(Based on the team numbers as discussed at the FEWG meeting in September 2018. Differences compared to option 2 marked in green highlight)

1. The World Table Tennis Championships (WTTC) is expanded and will be open to all national associations.
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3. In even numbered years, the Finals shall include men's and women's team events; while in odd numbered years the Finals shall include men's, women's singles, men's, women's and mixed doubles events.
4. An initial official document containing all details for each year's WTTC different stages will be published prior to the first stage (regional).
5. In addition to the current eligibility rules, players and teams are eligible to participate in each stage, provided that they have participated in the earlier stages. The only non-mandatory event is that of the Regional Stage and according to each continent.
6. **For individuals** a dynamic formula has been devised for the calculation of quota places per Continent, for each stage:
 - 6.1. the formula comprises of three metrics; universality, performance, active participation.
 - 6.2. the formula and the numbers deriving from it, for each stage, will apply before the first stages of the WTTC on a fixed date, which will be announced on the initial official document for each year's WTTC.
7. **For the first edition of the Team WTTC (in 2022) the places per Continent, for each stages will apply as discussed in the last FEWG**
 - 7.1. **WTTC Finals places (Africa: 3, Asia: 8, Europe: 9, Latin America: 3, North America: 1, Oceania: 1)**
 - 7.2. **Inter-Continental stage places (Africa: 1, Asia: 5, Europe: 3, Latin America: 1, North America: 1, Oceania: 1)**
8. **Finals**
 - 8.1. The Finals for **teams** will comprise of 32 men's and 32 women's teams:
 - 8.1.1. 1 Team, as the host association (the continent hosting the WTTC will receive an equivalent number of places to the continental allocation, in addition to **the pre-determined numbers**).
 - 8.1.2. 6 Teams, from the Inter-Continental Stage
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 - 9.1.2. 12 teams, based on the performance at the Continental stage and the number of Continental quota places, as deriving from **the pre-defined numbers**.
 - 9.2. Each Association shall be entitled to qualify 1 men's and 1 women's team.
 - 9.3. The system of play will be comprising of:
 - 9.3.1. A round robin of six (6) groups of four (4) teams. The winner of each group (total 6) will qualify directly to the WTTC Finals.
- 10. Continental Stage**
- 10.1. (According to the pilot proposition as found in the Deloitte report. Details are to be discussed and confirmed per Continent).
- 11. Regional Stage**
- 11.1. (According to the pilot proposition as found in the Deloitte report. Details are to be discussed and confirmed per Continent).

Rationale:

There are three options recommended on how the new WTTC can be expanded in such a way that players from all Member Associations have the opportunity to take part in the WTTC, through-out different stages leading to the WTTC Finals where each Continental Federation shall be represented.

Proposition 23**Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.**

To add 4.8:

4.8 WORLD VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**4.8.1. Authority for Organisation**

4.8.1.1. The title "World Veteran Championships", referred to in this Section as "Championships", shall be bestowed by the Board of Directors on the championship events at a tournament organised by an Association entrusted with the task.

4.8.1.2. The Championship can be organised by other bodies than Associations (area associations, clubs, etc.) if they have the necessary facilities but, an organization outside of the Association must have its sanction. The Association will be the contract partner of the ITTF.

4.8.1.3. The closing date for applications to stage Championships shall be specified by the Executive Committee and notified to all Associations, giving at least 6 months' notice.

4.8.1.4. All applications shall be considered by the Executive Committee and shall be submitted to the Board of Directors, together with the report of the Selection Committee, if applicable, on venues for the occasion in question.

4.8.1.5. Where necessary, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may ask one or more members of the appropriate Committee to visit the country of an Association applying for the right to organise the Championships to satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of the proposed playing and other arrangements; the cost of such visits shall be borne by that Association.

4.8.1.6. If, after an option has been granted, circumstances change in such a way as to be likely to prejudice the satisfactory conduct of the Championships, the option may be revoked by a majority vote at a Board of Directors prior to the Championships; between the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee shall have power to transfer the Championships or to take any other appropriate action.

4.8.2. Responsibilities of Organisers

4.8.2.1. An Association granted the right to organise the Championships, hereafter referred to as the "organisers" shall be responsible for conducting them in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis, the Regulations for International Competitions and the Regulations for World Title Competitions, as modified or supplemented by any directives authorised by the Board of Directors.

4.8.2.2. Expenses for two inspection visits – usually within 6 months after the presentations and again within 6 months before the start of the event – by the ITTF Computer Expert and/or other ITTF Competition Department members (altogether travel expenses and hospitality costs for four persons) are to be met by the organisers. Should any further visits be necessary, details will be discussed and agreed upon with the organisers.

4.8.2.3. Organisers shall provide free internal transport (between the place of accommodation and the playing venue and between the hotel and the nearest international airport upon arrival and departure) and accommodation and meals from lunch on the day before the Championships begun until breakfast on the day after the Championships end for

4.8.2.3.1. ten (10) participants (preferably 5 men and 5 women) nominated by the Executive Committee after consultation with the Veterans Committee and the Swaythling Club International (SCI).

4.8.2.3.2. three (3) persons (mainly the Computer Experts and the ITTF Competition Manager) starting five (5) days prior to the event for organisational purposes.

4.8.2.3.3. seven (7) persons to be nominated by the SCI Executive Committee, starting three (3) days prior to the event.

4.8.2.3.4. all members of the ITTF Executive Committee and the ITTF Veterans Committee Chair.

4.8.2.3.5. International Umpires and Referees from other Associations invited in accordance with the ITTF directives for match officials at World Title Competitions.

4.8.2.3.6. up to four (4) members of the ITTF staff.

- 4.8.2.4 If the business of the ITTF extends outside the period of the Championships the period of hospitality for those entitled to participate in such business shall be extended correspondingly.
- 4.8.2.5 Organisers shall provide free first aid/medical duty at the playing venue for all participants. All the participants are responsible for their physical and mental fitness and they must have their own health insurance against illness, accidents and injuries for the duration of the Championships.
- 4.8.2.6 Organisers shall provide the ITTF and the SCI with offices at the venue of the Championships and place at its disposal translation, computers, internet access, telephone and duplicating facilities
- 4.8.2.7 Organisers shall publish a prospectus (Bulletin No 1) giving the main details of the organisation of the Championships, including
- 4.8.2.7.1 the dates and place of the Championships;
 - 4.8.2.7.2 the categories and events to be held;
 - 4.8.2.7.3 the equipment to be used;
 - 4.8.2.7.4 the procedure for entry, the entry fees and the undertakings required;
 - 4.8.2.7.5 the date and place of the draw;
 - 4.8.2.7.6 the dates of Jury meetings and social activities;
 - 4.8.2.7.7 the extent of hospitality for technical and officials;
 - 4.8.2.7.8 any directives authorised by the Board of Directors for the Championships.
- 4.8.2.8 During the Championships Organisers shall make available promptly and regular public display of all results, including point scores.
- 4.8.2.8.1 Immediately after the Championships, the organisers shall present the final standings of the medallists in all age categories to the ITTF, together with photos of all medal awards to the players during the winners' ceremony.
 - 4.8.2.8.2 All results shall be published on the official website for the event and on the ITTF official website.

4.8.3 Eligibility

- 4.8.3.1 All individuals who are older than 40 years of age or who will be 40 years of age in the year of the Championships are eligible to participate.
- 4.8.3.2 Each competitor is allowed to participate in one Single and one Doubles Event. In the Doubles, not necessarily in one's own age category but always in the category of the younger player in the partnership.

4.8.4 Entry Fees

- 4.8.4.1 The entry fee and the accompanying persons fee shall be decided by the ITTF Executive Committee in conjunction with the selected Organiser.
- 4.8.4.2 No entry fee will be requested to the 10 invited playing guests.
- 4.8.4.3 The entry fees shall be paid to the Organisers at the time of the entry.

4.8.5 Qualification

- 4.8.5.1 The Championships will be held in two stages: the Qualifying Competition and the Competition Proper. An optional Consolation event will be held for players not qualified for the Proper event.
- 4.8.5.2 The Qualifying competition will be played the first days of the Championships, in groups. The first and second placed in each group will qualify for the Proper competition. The others will have the option to play the Consolation competition.
- 4.8.5.3 In the event with less than 6 players or pairs entered in one age category the Competition Manager may decide to play a "round robin" in only one group. The exact system to be published before the start of the competition.
- 4.8.5.4 The Competition Proper and the Consolation events will be played according to the knock-out system.

4.8.6 Entry Obligations

4.8.6.1 The on-line entry form shall contain statements committing the participants to the ITTF Anti-Doping Rules, requesting the acceptance of the ITTF Racket Control Regulations and confirming their availability to compete against all other individuals participating at the Championships.

4.8.6.2 All entrants are accepted as individual competitors; they shall be bound to do their utmost to win the events for which they are entered, irrespective of whether other entrants from the same Association have been entered, and they shall not withdraw except for reasons of illness or injury.

4.8.6.3 By entering the event, players agree to abide by all ITTF rules and regulations. All entered individual players agree to be under the auspices of the ITTF and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video, internet web casting, motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. A participant's refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the competition.

4.8.7 Jury

4.8.7.1 The Jury shall consist of 3 representatives: the chair of the ITTF Veterans Committee, as chair of the Jury, a representative of the Organising Committee and a representative of the ITTF Competition Department.

4.8.7.2 The referee or his/her deputy will be invited to attend the Jury meetings with the right to speak but not to vote.

4.8.7.3 The Jury shall have the power to decide any question of appeal within the jurisdiction of a tournament management committee.

4.8.7.4 Appeals can be lodged against the decision of the referees only and they have to be submitted in writing immediately after the completion of the match.

4.8.7.5 No member of the Jury can take part in the tournament as a player.

4.8.8. Events

4.8.8.1 The Championships shall include at least men's and women's singles and men's and women's doubles events.

4.8.8.2 Each event shall have the following categories of age:

40 to 44 years (+40),

45 to 49 years (+45),

50 to 54 years (+50),

55 to 59 years (+55),

60 to 64 years (+60),

65 to 69 years (+65),

70 to 75 years (+70),

75 to 79 years (+75),

80 to 84 years (+80),

85 to 89 years (+85)

and over 90 (+90)

4.8.8.3 In the event of less than four players entering any one event, the Competition Manager has the right to either cancel the said event either introduce a reasonable alternative for all concerned. Players have to be informed regarding any alterations/cancellations as soon as possible.

4.8.9 Default

4.8.9.1 Each participant is obliged to compete at the table and time set by the competition schedule.

4.8.9.2 Each participant is responsible for keeping her/himself informed when and where to play. Any player who fails to appear at the scheduled time will automatically lose the match after 5 minutes waiting period.

4.8.10. Doping Control

4.8.10.1 Doping control shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules (Chapter 5).

4.8.11. Awards and Presentations

4.8.11.1 In all the events the winners shall receive gold medals, the losing finalists silver medals and the loser/s of the semi-final's bronze medals.

4.8.11.2 If there is only one group in the Qualifying Competition of an age category and no match/es schedules for the Competition Proper, medals will be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed players/pairs of the respective groups, according to the final standing of the groups.

4.8.11.3 Winners and runners-up of the Consolation event shall receive a small souvenir and a certificate with their names inscribed thereon.

4.8.12 Commercial Rights

4.8.12.1 The ITTF exclusively owns and controls all commercial rights in and to the Championships. Such Commercial Rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

4.8.12.1.1 audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these regulations);

4.8.12.1.2 sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;

4.8.12.1.3 ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and

4.8.12.1.4 other rights to commercialise the Championships (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorise the taking of bets on the Championships).

4.8.12.2 The ITTF shall be entitled to exploit the Commercial Rights in such manner as it considers appropriate, including granting licences in respect of the same (or part thereof) to the relevant Association or to other third party(ies) from time to time.

4.8.12.3 All the participants at the Championships (officials, players, delegates and other affiliates) shall:

4.8.12.3.1 comply with any and all rules, regulations and/or guidelines in relation to the exploitation of the Commercial Rights which may be issued from time to time by or on behalf of the ITTF; and

4.8.12.3.2 provide such rights, facilities and services as are required to enable the ITTF and/or the relevant third party to fulfil their obligations under any arrangements for the exploitation of any of the Commercial Rights and shall not by any act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted there under or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur. For the avoidance of doubt only the ITTF may enforce this rule against a participant and no third party shall be entitled to do so.

4.9. Transitory provision

4.9.1 The Executive Committee shall approve a 2022 Event Guidelines in order to preserve the rights and duties for the Organisers of the 2022 World Veteran Championships according to the existing SCI rights and duties.

Rationale:

According with the decision taken at the BoD meeting in Moscow 2010 and in agreement with the SCI.

Proposition 24

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

World Junior Championships Qualification System

To allow the relocation of unused team quotas to the World Ranking, without limitation per continents, if there are not enough teams from a particular continent willing to enter satisfying the qualification criteria.

Rationale:

To ensure the possibility to have full participation, as otherwise limiting to five entries per continent it may happen that there are not 16 eligible teams.

Resolution A

Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee.

For safety reasons, (the highly flammable) actually ITTF approved celluloid balls shall no more be marketed as ITTF approved from 1st January 2021 and disappear from the related ITTF list as soon as their approval period ends, but latest on 1st January 2022. New celluloid balls shall no more be approved, with immediate effect.

Rationale:

ITTF had stated in the past that celluloid balls will not be banned at short term. This was to guarantee a sufficient transition period for manufacturers and players. After seven years, this transition is now completed, and as a matter of fact approvals of celluloid balls are already being discontinued by the brand owners.

Resolution B

Proposed by ETTU, ITTF affiliated continental federation.

The European Table Tennis Union requests the ITTF Board of Directors postpone changes to the system of play for the World Table Tennis Championships (Individual events: singles, doubles and mixed doubles) until 2023 at the earliest or until changes to the system of play for the World Team Table Tennis Championships are agreed and concluded.

Rationale:

For the vast majority of ITTF Member Associations team events are crucial. This resolution asks for adequate and sufficient time for full consideration and concentration to be given to changes.

Resolution C**Proposed by ETTU, ITTF affiliated continental federation.**

Following the decision of the ITTF Board of Directors at Halmstad, May 2018, regarding the future World Team Table Tennis Championships, the European Table Tennis Union requests the ITTF Board of Directors to

- (1) directly qualify 26 teams from the 1st stage (Continental) including the host Association and 4 teams by World Team Ranking,
- (2) directly qualify 6 teams from the 2nd stage (Intercontinental),
- (3) play the 2nd stage with 6 groups, each of 4 teams, round robin system, and a group played in each Continent,
- (4) provide Europe with quotas of 8 places from the 1st stage and 10 places in the 2nd stage.

Rationale:

In the past 10 years Europe has had consistently between 17 to 21 teams within the best 32 teams at the World Team Championships, both men and women. Four Continents, Africa, Latin America, North America and Oceania, have not had more than 2 teams each within the best 32 teams. For Europe to lose the possibility of this number of teams participating, the overall playing level of the Final stage will be lowered.

Four quota places should be available to Associations with the highest World Team Ranking not yet qualified to the Final stage, providing a dynamic quota for all Continents.

Playing home/away matches is tiring for players, reduces valuable time for training, and intercontinental travel is expensive.

From the experience of European Champions League knockout matches over many years if a team loses 0-3 in the 1st match, the 2nd team match (the return match) can be of little or no interest after the 1st game or 1st individual match. For promotion, marketing and media this is not an attractive proposition.

Therefore, playing the Intercontinental stage in groups will allow better promotional possibilities and increase the footprint of the World Team Championships in all Continents.

Playing the Intercontinental stage in groups will give 24 Associations the opportunity and possibility to reach the Final stage.

There is also the possibility, as demonstrated by UEFA in the football Europe Nations Cup, to group the 6 lowest ranked teams at the Intercontinental stage in one group to guarantee a place in the Final stage for an Association which might not otherwise gain a place.