

Propositions to the ITTF AGM 2019

Proposition 1

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee.

In accordance with a Resolution of the AGM 2018 the Rules Committee proposes a basic change of paragraphs 1.8.4 (Membership and Representation) and 1.8.5 (Unaffiliated Players and Organisations) of our Constitution.

(A) Proposed Changes of present Regulations 1.8.4 and 1.8.5:

1.8.4 JURISDICTION OF ASSOCIATIONS

1.8.4.1 ~~Membership and Representation~~

- 1.8.4.1.1 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.
- 1.8.4.1.2 ~~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.~~
- 1.8.4.1.3 ~~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.~~
- 1.8.4.1.4 ~~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,~~
- 1.8.4.1.5 Any dispute under these regulations shall be referred to the Executive Committee.

1.8.4.2 **Extent of Jurisdiction**

- 1.8.4.2.1 In administering and interpreting its own regulations and decisions, an Association shall exercise jurisdiction over:
 - 1.8.4.2.1.1 ~~players resident in its territory, while they are in that territory or in any other territory;~~
 - 1.8.4.2.1.2 ~~visiting players, while they are in its territory, except as provided in 1.8.4.3.1;~~
 - 1.8.4.2.1.3 ~~players representing it~~ **taking part** in a competition **under its jurisdiction** who are normally resident in the territory of another Association, ~~but only while they are taking part in that competition;~~

1.8.4.3 **Visiting Players**

- 1.8.4.3.1 ~~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.~~
- 1.8.4.3.1.1 ~~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.~~
- 1.8.4.3.1.2 ~~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.~~
- 1.8.4.3.2 ~~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.~~
- 1.8.4.3.2.1 ~~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.~~
- 1.8.4.3.2.2 ~~If the visiting player's Association makes no appeal within 1 calendar month of being notified the penalty may be imposed.~~

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~~1.8.4.3.2.3 — 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.~~

~~1.8.4.4 — Payments to Players~~

~~1.8.4.4.1 — 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;~~

~~1.8.4.4.2 — Subject to any over-riding provisions of 1.8.4.4.1, 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.~~

1.8.5 UNAFFILIATED PLAYERS AND ORGANISATIONS

~~1.8.5.1 — 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.~~

1.8.5.2 A player affiliated to an **ITTF member** Association shall not take part in any competition; **or** exhibition or coaching:

~~1.8.5.2.1 — 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;~~

~~1.8.5.2.2 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;~~

~~1.8.5.2.3 — organised by an unaffiliated body, unless permission for the event has been given by the Executive Committee, except as provided in 1.8.5.6.~~

~~1.8.5.3 — 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 1.8.5.2.~~

~~1.8.5.4 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 or exhibition or coaching in the territory of an **ITTF member** 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.~~

~~1.8.5.5 — The Executive Committee may give permission for a table tennis competition to be organised by an unaffiliated body provided that:~~

~~1.8.5.5.1 — the organising body has undertaken to comply with the appropriate ITTF regulations;~~

~~1.8.5.5.2 — the organising body has undertaken not to include affiliated players in the event unless their Associations have given permission;~~

~~1.8.5.5.3 — the organising body has undertaken not to include unaffiliated players in the event unless the Executive Committee has given permission;~~

~~1.8.5.5.4 — the application to organise the event is supported by the Association, if any, controlling the territory in which the competition is to take place;~~

~~1.8.5.5.5 — the supporting Association has accepted responsibility for ensuring that the organising body observes the requirements of 1.8.5.5.1-3.~~

~~1.8.5.6 — 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.~~

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(B) Proposed Wording of new Paragraphs 1.2.6 and 1.2.7:

1.2.6 JURISDICTION OF ASSOCIATIONS

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

1.2.6.2 In administering and interpreting its own regulations and decisions, an Association shall exercise jurisdiction over

1.2.6.2.1 players resident in its territory;

1.2.6.2.2 players taking part in a competition under its jurisdiction who are normally resident in the territory of another Association.

1.2.7 UNAFFILIATED PLAYERS AND ORGANISATIONS

1.2.7.1 A player affiliated to an ITTF member Association shall not take part in any competition or exhibition in a territory whose governing organisation is not affiliated to the ITTF, except with the permission of the Executive Committee.

1.2.7.2 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 or exhibition in the territory of an ITTF member Association, except with the permission of the Executive Committee.

Rationale:

*In order to observe the new and more compact structure of the Constitution some outdated, or even historic parts should be deleted. The remaining modified paragraphs should be moved to section 1.2 (Membership) by introducing **new paragraphs 1.2.6 and 1.2.7.***

Proposition 2

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

To amend Constitution 1.5.4.2 so to ensure that any IOC member of our sport can be co-opted to the ITTF Executive Committee.

1.5.4.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Chair of the Athletes Commission, and 8 Executive Vice-Presidents of which one shall be appointed by the President as Deputy President and another one shall be appointed for finances. In addition, any IOC member having served at least two years in the ITTF BoD, may be ex-officio (no voting rights) as ITTF Executive Committee member by majority decision of the elected EC members.

Rationale:

Provided having acquired the necessary experience in the ITTF management, co-opting IOC members to the ITTF EC will strengthen the capacity of the EC.

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Proposition 3

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

1.8.4.3 Visiting Players

1.8.4.3.1 If a visiting player is officially representing his or her Association **or the ITTF in TTX and Veterans events** as a result of an invitation by the visited Association, the visited Association shall acquire no rights of penalty.

1.8.4.3.1.2 The visited Association may protest to the visiting player's Association **or the ITTF in TTX and Veterans events** about such an offence, but his or her own Association **or the ITTF in TTX and Veterans events** shall retain sole jurisdiction over him or her and the right to impose a penalty.

1.8.4.3.2.1 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 **or the ITTF in TTX and Veterans events**.

1.8.4.3.2.2 If the visiting player's Association **or the ITTF in TTX and Veterans events** makes no appeal within 1 calendar month of being notified the penalty may be imposed.

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1.8.5 UNAFFILIATED PLAYERS AND ORGANISATIONS

1.8.5.2.1 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 **or the ITTF in TTX and Veterans events**;

Rationale:

To allow players to enter TTX and Veterans events directly.

Proposition 4

(2/3 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee.

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1.8.5.5.1 the organising body has undertaken to comply with the appropriate ITTF regulations, **unless otherwise approved by the Executive Committee**;

1.8.5.5.2 the organising body has undertaken not to include affiliated players in the event unless their Associations **or the ITTF** have given permission;

1.8.5.5.4 the application to organise the event is supported by the Association **or the ITTF**, if any, controlling the territory in which the competition is to take place;

1.8.5.6 Where an Association **or the ITTF** 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.

Rationale:

To have the possibility to allocate events directly by the ITTF to National Associations and / or other potential hosts.

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Proposition 5

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee.

To amend Law 2.3.3 so to permit yellow balls.

2.3.3 The ball shall be made of ~~celluloid or similar plastics~~ plastic material and shall be white, **yellow** or orange, and matt.

The implementation date shall be in 2021 (after the Olympic Games), and the final colour domain will be defined by the Equipment Committee to be submitted to the BoD in 2020.

N.B.: Celluloid is the first thermoplastic created in 1856; it is a "plastic material", but highly flammable. ITTF should not specify this material in the "Laws".

Rationale:

The human eye is highly sensitive to yellow. A yellow ball is more visible to players and spectators and can be used on red floors.

If players can track the ball better, their performance may improve, perception errors being reduced.

Proposition 6

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by HKG, ITTF member association, and the ITTF Equipment Committee.

To amend Law 2.4.6 so to permit more bright colours than red for racket coverings.

2.4.6 The surface of the covering material on a side of the blade, or of a side of the blade if it is left uncovered, shall be matt, ~~bright red on one side and black on the other~~ **black on one side, and of a bright colour clearly distinguishable from black and from the colours of the ball as defined in Law 2.3.3, on the other.**

The implementation date shall be after the next Olympic Games. If the AGM accepts the proposition, the Equipment Committee will coordinate efforts in order to develop a list of authorised colours, with their specific technical limits. The specifications will then be submitted to the BoD in 2020, for implementation in 2021 (Regulations for International Competitions and Technical Leaflet).

Rationale:

As long as the colours of the two sides of a racket are clearly different and clearly distinguishable by the players, they should not be limited to black and red. However, the ball should remain visible on a racket covering. It is proposed to retain black as one of the colours as it helps players with deficiency in colour vision.

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Proposition 7

(3/4 majority required)

Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee.

To amend Law 2.10.1.7.

2.10.1 Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point

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2.10.1.7 if an opponent deliberately strikes the ball ~~twice~~ **more than once** in succession;

Rationale:

This modification should clarify the situation if a player deliberately strikes the ball more than twice in succession.
