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## SECTION 1 LAWS FOR WHEELCHAIR PLAY

Table Tennis shall be played according to the Laws and Regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), as set out in their Handbook EXCEPT for the following amendments, exceptions and alterations:

### 1.1 SERVICE IN SINGLES PLAY

The service law in singles play (ITTF Law 2.6)

### 1.2 A LET

1.2 The rally shall be a let

1.2.1.1 if in service the ball leaves the table by either of the receiver's sidelines (on one or more bounces)

1.2.1.2 if in service the ball, after bouncing on the receiver's side returns in the direction of the net

1.2.1.3 if in service the ball comes to rest on the receiver's side of the playing surface, or,

1.2.2 If the receiver strikes the ball before it crosses a sideline or takes a second bounce on his or her side of the playing surface, the service shall be considered good and no let shall be called.

### 1.3 SERVICE IN DOUBLES PLAY

The service law in doubles play (ITTF Law 2.6.3)

1.3.1 The rally shall be a let:

1.3.1.1 if in service the ball after bouncing on the receiver's side returns in the direction of the net, or

1.3.1.2 if in service the ball comes to rest on the receiver's side of the playing surface.

1.3.2 If the receiver strikes the ball before it takes a second bounce on his or her side of the playing surface, the service shall be considered good and no let shall be called.

### 1.4 UMPIRES NOTES ON SERVICE LAWS

1.4.1 If the umpire believes that the server is deliberately serving fast let services before serving correctly, this should be interpreted as gamesmanship and the ITTF's Penalty point system shall be used (ITTF regulation 3.5.2)

1.4.2 According to ITTF Law 2.6.6, the umpire may relax the requirements for a good service if he or she is satisfied that compliance is prevented by a physical disability. This will always be done for Class 1 and Class 2 players.

1.4.3 The player's classification card contains a section indicating any physical limitations that the player may have affecting compliance with the requirements of a legal service.

- 1.5           **DOUBLES**  
Doubles play (ITTF Law 2.8.2)
- 1.5.1        In doubles, the server shall first make a good service according to ITTF Law 2.6 with the above mentioned exceptions, and the receiver shall make a good return, and thereafter either player of a pair may make good returns.
- 1.5.2        During play, no part of a player's wheelchair shall protrude beyond an imaginary extension of the centre line of the table. If it does, the umpire shall award the point to the opposing pair.
- 1.6           **DEFINITIONS:**
- 1.6.1        The racket hand is the hand in which the racket is held or strapped.
- 1.6.2        The free hand is the hand in which the racket is not held or strapped.
- 1.6.3        A player strikes the ball if he or she touches it in play with his or her racket, held in or strapped to the hand, or with his or her racket hand below the wrist.
- 1.6.4        Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point if:
- 1.6.4.1      his or her opponent touches the playing surface with his **or her** free hand, or
- 1.6.4.2      his or her opponent or anything the opponent wears or carries, moves the playing surface, or
- 1.6.4.3      his or her opponent or anything the opponent wears or carries, touches the net assembly,
- 1.6.4.4      his or her opponent does not maintain a minimum contact (with back of the thigh) with the cushion(s) when the ball is in play.
- 1.6.5        More specifically, a player may touch the table with the racket hand to restore his **or her** balance only after a shot has been played, and if the table does not move. The player is not allowed to use the table as an extra support before touching the ball.
- 1.7           **WHEELCHAIRS**
- 1.7.1        Wheelchairs must have at least two large wheels and one small wheel.
- 1.7.2        Footrests may be fitted if required, but if either the footrest or the foot shall touch the floor during play the player's opponent shall score a point.
- 1.7.3        In team and class events, no part of the body above the knees may be attached to the chair as this could improve balance. However, should a player require some strapping or binding for medical reasons, this should be noted on his or her classification card and it will be taken into account when assessing the player's playing class. In open events, strapping and other aids will be allowed.
- 1.7.4        The height of one or maximum two cushions is limited to 14cm in playing conditions with no other addition to the wheelchair.

- 1.7.5 If a player must use a belt (around the waist) and/or a corset due to his or her disability, he or she must prove that it is required to the satisfaction of the classification panel. The onus is on the player to draw attention to the use of such equipment to the Official Classifier either for the initial or review of classification. Permission for use of a belt and/or a corset will be given under the following conditions:
- 1.7.5.1 permanent – this must be written on the player’s international classification card (ICC) by the Official Classifier at the relevant tournament.
- 1.7.5.2 temporary – the player must provide a full explanation from his or her own doctor who must certify the period which the belt and/or corset is/are required. This certificate must be signed and dated by the medical doctor and submitted to the Official Classifier at the relevant tournament. The player must report this to the Referee before the start of competition in which he or she participates.
- 1.7.6 Should additions of supporting structures be made to the wheelchair, whether attached to the wheelchair or not (except cushions), players must ask for a classification or a re-classification in this modified wheelchair. All additions to the wheelchair without re-classification and authorization written on the ICC, shall be considered as illegal and the player will be disqualified.

## **SECTION 2 LAWS FOR STANDING PLAY**

- 2.1 There are no exceptions to the Laws of table tennis for standing players with a disability. All players shall play according to the Laws and Regulations of the ITTF as set out in section 2 of its handbook.
- 2.2 On the classification cards there is a section indicating what limitations if any a player has in making a legal serve.
- 2.3 If a player must use a belt (around the waist) and/or a corset due to his or her disability, he or she must prove that it is required to the satisfaction of the classification panel.
- The onus is on the player to draw attention to the use of such equipment to the Official Classifier either for the initial or review of classification. Permission for use of a belt and/or a corset will be given under the following conditions:
- 2.3.1 permanent – this must be written on the player’s international classification card (ICC) by the Official Classifier at the relevant tournament.
- 2.3.2 temporary – the player must provide a full explanation from his or her own doctor who must certify the period in which the belt and/or corset is/are required. This certificate must be signed and dated by the medical doctor and submitted to the Official Classifier at the relevant tournament. The player must report this to the Referee before the start of competition in which he or she participates.



## SECTION 3 REGULATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

These regulations should be read in conjunction with Chapter 3 - Regulations for International Championships of the ITTF Handbook, where all conditions apply except as stated hereunder.

Each championship or competition can be approved by the IPTTC for factor 40 and below and sanctioned by the IPC for official Regional Championships, World Championships and Paralympic Games. And depending on the sanction, the results will count on the world ranking with a different factor.

Cycles of the tournaments which are sanctioned with Ranking factor 100, 80, 50:

Year 0: One sanction for one Paralympic Championships can be given.  
Year 2: One sanction for one World Championships can be given.  
Year 1 and 3: One sanction for one Regional Championships can be given in each IPTTC approved region.

### 3.1 PARALYMPIC GAMES: Ranking Factor 100

3.1.1 The table tennis competition at the Paralympic Games must fulfill the following requirements to earn the Ranking factor of 100:

3.1.2 One of the 2 Technical Delegates (TDs) must inspect the venue twice. The first TD inspection should take place at least 24 months before the Paralympics and he or she should submit a TD report to the IPTTC Executive.

3.1.3 The second TD inspection should take place 12 months before the Paralympics. The exact dates are settled in co-operation with the Paralympic Organizing Committee. Similarly, a report should be submitted to the IPTTC Executive.

3.1.4 The TD report must cover aspects to ensure that the competition is organized according to the regulations below. Where subjects are not described in IPTTC regulations, the regulations for World Title Events as set out in the ITTF handbook chapter 3 will apply.

3.1.5 The TD report must contain details of the following:

3.1.5.1 Accommodation - available and suitable for persons with disabilities

3.1.5.2 Venue - accessibility

3.1.5.3 Transport from accommodation to the venue.

3.1.5.4 Equipment to be used must be ITTF approved and tables for wheelchair play must fulfill IPTTC requirements

3.1.5.5 Number of playing days for the competition

- 3.1.5.6 Maximum numbers of participants than can be accepted plus any other relevant information
- 3.1.5.7 Officials
  - 3.1.5.7.1 Technical Delegates (TD's): a TD and a deputy TD must be appointed by the IPTTC.
    - 3.1.5.7.1.1 Expenses: the Paralympic Organizing Committee (POC) shall pay the travel expenses and accommodation for one of the TDs for the two inspections of the venue for the table tennis tournament. The POC shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for both the TD and the assistant TD from 5 days before the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games to the day after the closing ceremony. The TD must send his or her report to the IPTTC Secretary within 30 days of completed tournaments.
    - 3.1.5.7.2 Classifiers: 3 international classifiers approved by the IPTTC Medical Officer must be present during the Games specifically for reclassification and protests. This will be the chief classifier, one medical and one technical classifier.
      - 3.1.5.7.2.1 Expenses: the POC shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the classifiers from three days before opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games to the day after the closing ceremony.
    - 3.1.5.7.3 2 racket control officials shall be appointed by the IPTTC.
      - 3.1.5.7.3.1 Expenses: the POC shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the racket control officials from the day before the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games to the day after the closing ceremony.
    - 3.1.5.7.4 Referees: One referee and three deputy referees must be appointed by the IPTTC Technical Officer in co-operation with the POC. The host country is entitled to a minimum of one of the positions of deputy referee. If the host country has a qualified referee, this position will be given to the qualified referee. The referee and the deputy referees must be ITTF international referees.
      - 3.1.5.7.4.1 Expenses: the POC shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the referee and each deputy referee from the day before the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games and to the day after the closing ceremony.
    - 3.1.5.7.5 Officials' manager: the host country shall nominate an experienced officials' manager and 2 teams of 2 deputy officials' managers.
      - 3.1.5.7.5.1 Expenses: the POC shall pay travel expenses within the host country and accommodation for the whole period of the Games.

- 3.1.5.7.6 Umpires: there must be a number of umpire teams of 2 umpires equal to the number of tables times 1.5 + 4 teams. i.e. number of tables = 12 => 22 umpires teams => 44 umpires.
- 3.1.5.7.6.1 60% of the umpire teams shall be from the Table Tennis Association of the host country, 50% of these are allowed to be national umpires and the remaining 50% of the umpires must be ITTF international umpires.
- 3.1.5.7.6.2 The remaining 40% of the umpires must be from foreign associations and must be ITTF international umpires. IPTTC will invite these umpires from their home association.
- 3.1.5.7.6.3 All umpires must be certified IPTTC umpires having passed the examination following the IPTTC umpires' seminar.
- 3.1.5.7.6.4 Expenses: the POC shall pay travel expenses for the umpires invited from foreign associations. For all umpires, the POC shall pay also the travel expenses from the nearest airport in the host country, accommodation and a daily allowance of €15.00 from the day before the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games to the day after the closing ceremony of the Games.
- 3.1.5.7.6.5 The POC must hold an umpires' seminar in the host country for umpires from the host country at a tournament for the disabled in the year before the Paralympic Games. The POC shall pay the travel expenses and the accommodation for the person appointed by the IPTTC to run the seminar.
- 3.1.5.7.7 Computer controllers: there shall be 2 teams of 2 persons (a total of 4 persons) with sufficient knowledge of the computer system to be used at the Paralympic Games. The system must be tested by the IPTTC at least 12 months before the Paralympic Games.
- 3.1.5.7.8 IPTTC executives: The POC has to provide room and board for all IPTTC Executive members + 1 staff. The POC also has to provide a conference room at the competition venue accommodating up to 50 people for the use of the IPTTC.
- 3.1.5.7.9 Selection for Paralympic Games to be approved by the IPC Governing Board on the recommendation of the **STC**.

## 3.2 **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Ranking Factor 80**

- 3.2.1 Only one tournament named World Table Tennis Championships can be sanctioned by IPTTC.
- 3.2.2 In order to apply to stage the World Championships:
- 3.2.2.1 The application for the World Championships should be submitted to the IPC Headquarters, together with the IPC sanction fee, a minimum 48 months before the championships.
- 3.2.2.2 The application must contain an assurance that the Championships will be

organized according to the regulations set out in these rules.

- 3.2.2.3 An application fee of €1 500.00 is payable to the IPC that, if approved, will be deducted from the IPC capitation fees. If the application is not approved, the fee will be refunded.
- 3.2.2.4 The World Championships must fulfill the following requirements to earn the Ranking Factor of 80:
- 3.2.2.4.1 2 TD inspections with 1 from IPC and 1 from IPTTC (the TD). The first inspection should take place at least 42 months before the tournament. The second inspection should take place at least 6 months before the tournament. The organizers should pay for the travel expenses for the inspections and a daily allowance of €15.00 per person for each for the period of the inspection.
- 3.2.2.5 The TD report should cover aspects to ensure that the competition will be organized according to the regulations below. Where subjects are not described in the IPTTC regulations, the regulations for World Title Events as set out in the ITTF handbook chapter 3 will apply.
- 3.2.2.6 The TD report must contain details of the following:
- 3.2.2.6.1 Accommodation - suitable and available for persons with disabilities.
- 3.2.2.6.2 Venue - accessibility.
- 3.2.2.6.3 Transport from accommodation to the venue.
- 3.2.2.6.4 Equipment to be used must be ITTF approved and tables for wheelchair play must fulfill IPTTC requirements.
- 3.2.2.6.5 Number of playing days for the competition.
- 3.2.2.6.6 Maximum numbers of participants than can be accepted plus any other relevant information.
- 3.2.2.7 Officials.
- 3.2.2.7.1 Technical Delegate (TD): A TD and a deputy TD must be appointed by the IPTTC. The TD must send his or her report to the IPTTC Secretary General within 30 days of completed tournaments.
- 3.2.2.7.1.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 from three days before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.2.2.7.2 Classifiers: 3 international classifiers appointed by the IPTTC Medical Officer must be present during the championships specifically for classifications, reclassifications and protests. This will be the chief classifier, one medical and one technical classifier.

- 3.2.2.7.2.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 per person from 3 days before the opening to the day after the closing ceremony.
- 3.2.2.7.2.2 A classification seminar may be organized, in which case, the Organizing Committee shall supply a conference room and accommodation for the participants. The participants shall pay their own travel expenses to get to the seminar and a fee of €50 per person.
- 3.2.2.7.3 2 racket control officials shall be appointed by the IPTTC.
- 3.2.2.7.3.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the racket control officials from the day before the start of the championships to the day after the championships.
- 3.2.2.7.4 Referees: one referee and three deputy referees will be appointed by the IPTTC Technical Officer in co-operation with the Organizing Committee. The host country is entitled to a minimum of one of the positions of deputy referee and one deputy referee must be from a different country. If the host country has a qualified referee, this position will be given to that qualified referee. The referee and the deputy referees must be ITTF international referees.
- 3.2.2.7.4.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 per person for all referees and deputy referees from the day before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.2.2.7.5 Officials' manager: the host country shall nominate an experienced officials' manager and 2 teams of 2 deputy officials' managers.
- 3.2.2.7.5.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay travel expenses within the host country and accommodation for the whole period of the championships.
- 3.2.2.7.6 Umpires: there must be a number of umpire teams of 2 umpires equal to the number of tables times 1.5 + 4 teams. i.e. Number of tables = 12 => 22 umpires teams => 44 umpires.
- 3.2.2.7.6.1 All umpires must be certified IPTTC umpires having passed the examination following the IPTTC umpires' seminar.
- 3.2.2.7.6.2 A seminar will be held before the World Championships. The Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses and the accommodation for the person appointed by the IPTTC to run the seminar.
- 3.2.2.7.6.3 60% of the umpire teams shall be from the table tennis association of the home country, 50% of these may to be national umpires and the remaining 50% of the umpires must be ITTF international umpires.
- 3.2.2.7.6.4 The remaining 40% of the umpires must be from foreign associations and must be ITTF international umpires. IPTTC will invite these umpires from their home association.

- 3.2.2.7.6.5 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses from the nearest airport in the host country for all umpires, accommodation and a daily allowance of €15,00 per person from the day before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.2.2.7.7 Computer controllers: there shall be 4 persons with sufficient knowledge of the computer system to be used. The system must be tested by the IPTTC at least 6 months before the Championships.
- 3.2.2.7.8 IPTTC executives: the Organizing Committee has to provide room and board for all IPTTC executives + 1 staff during the World Championships.
- 3.2.2.7.9 Capitation fees: per participant (management, official and player) of €36.00 must be paid to the IPTTC account held at the IPC Headquarters upon receipt of the invoice.
- 3.2.2.7.10 Selection for the World Championships to be approved by the SAEC.

### 3.3 **REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RANKING: Factor 50**

- 3.3.1 In order to apply to stage a Regional Championship:
- 3.3.1.1 The application for the Regional Championships should be submitted to the IPC Headquarters with a copy to the IPTTC Tournament Committee Secretary and IPTTC General Secretary at least 24 months before the championships.
- 3.3.1.2 The application must contain an assurance that the Championship will be organized according to the regulations as set out in these rules.
- 3.3.1.3 The regulations for selection apply to Factor 50 tournaments including regional championships and regional games in the year before the Paralympic Games and in the year before the World Championships;
- 3.3.2 The Regional Championships (European, Pan-American, Asian & Oceania and African) must fulfill the following requirements to earn the Ranking factor of 50:
- 3.3.2.1 The TD must inspect the venue and submit a report at least 12 months before the Championships to the IPTTC General Secretary.
- 3.3.2.2 The TD report must cover aspects to ensure that the competition is organized according to the regulations below. Where subjects are not described in IPTTC regulations, the regulations for World Title Events as set out in the ITTF handbook chapter 3 will apply.
- 3.3.2.3 The TD report must contain details of the following:
- 3.3.2.3.1 Accommodation - suitable and available for persons with disabilities.
- 3.3.2.3.2 Venue - accessibility.

- 3.3.2.3.3 Transport from accommodation to the venue.
- 3.3.2.3.4 Equipment to be used must be ITTF approved and tables for wheelchair play must fulfill IPTTC-requirements
- 3.3.2.3.5 Number of playing days for the competition.
- 3.3.2.3.6 Maximum numbers of participants than can be accepted plus any other suitable information
- 3.3.2.4 Officials.
  - 3.3.2.4.1 Technical Delegate (TD): a TD must be appointed by the IPTTC. If the IPTTC Tournament Officer evaluates the estimated entries to be more than 200 players, a deputy TD will be appointed by the IPTTC.
    - 3.3.2.4.1.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the TD (and for the deputy TD if present) from three days before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships as well as for the TD doing the inspection of the venue for the championships. The TD must send his or her report to the IPTTC Secretary General within 30 days of completed tournaments.
    - 3.3.2.4.2 Selection Officer: the Selection Officer must attend the regional championships to oversee the playing system which must be the same in all regional championships and the IPTTC shall pay his/her travel cost.
      - 3.3.2.4.2.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the Selection Officer from the day before the start of the championships to the day after the championships.
      - 3.3.2.4.3 1 racket control official shall be appointed by the IPTTC and if there were more than 200 players, 2 racket control officials would be needed.
        - 3.3.2.4.3.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the racket control official(s) from the day before the start of the championships to the day after the championships.
        - 3.3.2.4.4 Classifiers: 5 international classifiers appointed by the IPTTC Medical Officer must be present during the championships specifically for classifications, reclassifications and protests. This will be the chief classifier, two medical and two technical classifiers.
          - 3.3.2.4.4.1 A four-day classification seminar must be organized. The Organizing Committee shall supply a conference room and accommodation for the participants. The participants shall pay their own travel and accommodation expenses to get to the seminar and a participation fee of €50 per person.
          - 3.3.2.4.4.2 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 from the 3 days before the start

of the championships and to the day after the championships to each Official Classifier.

- 3.3.2.4.5 Referees: one referee and two deputy referees will be appointed by the IPTTC Technical Officer in co-operation with the Organizing Committee. The Referee must be an ITTF International Referee, who has passed the examination following the IPTTC Umpires seminar. The Deputy Referee must be either ITTF International Referee, who has passed the examination following the IPTTC Umpires seminar or National Referee who is an International Umpire and who has passed the examination following the IPTTC Umpires seminar. The host country is entitled to a minimum of one of the positions of deputy referee. If the host country has a qualified referee, this position will be given to the qualified referee. At least one deputy referee has to be from a country different from the host country.
- 3.3.2.4.5.1 Expenses: The Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15,00 from three days before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.3.2.4.6 Officials' manager: the host country shall nominate an experienced officials' manager and 2 deputy officials' managers.
- 3.3.2.4.6.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay travel expenses within the host country and accommodation for the whole period of the championships.
- 3.3.2.4.7 Umpires: there must be a number of umpire teams of 2 umpires equal to the number of tables times 1.5 + 4 teams i.e. Number of tables = 12 => 22 umpires teams => 44 umpires.
- 3.3.2.4.7.1 60% of the umpire teams shall be from the table tennis association of the home country, 50% of these may be national umpires and the remaining 50% must be ITTF international umpires.
- 3.3.2.4.7.2 The remaining 40% of the umpires must be from foreign associations and must be ITTF international umpires. IPTTC will invite these umpires from their home association.
- 3.3.2.4.7.3 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses from the nearest airport in the host country, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 from the day before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.3.2.4.7.4 An IPTTC Umpires seminar will be held before the regional championships and shall be conducted by one of the referees.
- 3.3.2.4.8 Computer controllers: there shall be 2 persons with sufficient knowledge of the computer system to be used. The system has to be tested by the IPTTC at least 6 months before the Championships.
- 3.3.2.4.9 IPTTC executives: the Organizing Committee has to provide room and board for 2 IPTTC executives + 1 staff during the regional championships.



3.3.2.4.10 Capitation fees: per participant (management and player) of €36.00 must be paid to the IPTTC account held at the IPC Headquarters upon receipt of the invoice.

#### 3.4 **WORLD SINGLES CUP: Ranking Factor 40**

3.4.1 The various permutations could be 16 men and 12 women, 16 men and 8 women or 12 men and 8 women

3.4.2 The organizer could choose the format and whether to host both men and women together or men only or women only and sitting and standing together or sitting only or standing only.

3.4.3 Should the organizer choose to host sitting and standing together, the format would have to be the same.

3.4.4 The event should take place every year with the WSC being factor 40 and the Regional Singles Cup factor 30.

3.4.5 There would be three days of competition.

3.4.6 The format would be:

- for 8 players: two groups of four players would play round robin with the two best players from each group advancing into the final group A playing for positions 1-4 and the players placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> would play in group B for positions 5-8.
- for 12 players: four groups of three players would play round robin with the two best players from each group advancing into final group A playing for positions 1-9 and the players placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group would play in group B for positions 10-12.
- for 16 players: four groups of four players would play round robin. The two best players from each group would advance into the second stage of group A playing for positions 1-8 and the players placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from each group would advance into the second stage of group B playing for positions 9-16. Second stage in both groups would be played on a knockout basis.

3.4.7 For a quadriplegic player, one member of staff would be allowed.

3.4.8 For all other players, no staff would be allowed.

3.4.9 The organizer would pay local travel and full board.

3.4.10 Selection would be based on the full open ranking.

3.4.11 This would come into effect from 1 January 2003.

3.4.12 the capitation fee for Factor 40 tournaments is €25 per person

3.4.13 For Factor 40 tournaments, no classifier is necessary.

#### 3.5 **INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Ranking Factor 30**

- 3.5.1 Only one factor 30 tournament may be sanctioned in each country during one calendar year.
- 3.5.2 If more than one organizer from the same country applies for a tournament on the same dates, the one who applied first will normally get the sanction for that particular date.
- 3.5.3 In order to apply to stage an International Championship:
- 3.5.3.1 The application should be submitted to the IPTTC Tournament Committee Secretary with a copy to the IPTTC General Secretary at least 15 months before the championships. An approval fee of €250.00 has to be paid together with the application to the IPTTC account held at the IPC Headquarters.
- 3.5.3.2 The application must contain an assurance that the Championship will be organized according to the regulations as set out in these rules.
- 3.5.4 An International Championship must fulfill the following requirements to earn the ranking factor of 30, as decided by the IPTTC Tournament Officer, which could be an event:
- 3.5.4.1 with all countries in the world invited and with all events in one category
- 3.5.4.2 an IOSD games or a similar category of Tournament. (This means that an organizing committee only needs to play all standing, wheelchair or intellectually disabled events to receive a 30 points factor if all other conditions are met).
- 3.5.4.3 A TD inspection has to be done at least 12 months before the tournament.
- 3.5.4.4 No entry form can be sent out before it has been approved by the TD.
- 3.5.4.5 No other tournament factor 30 or higher will be sanctioned within a period of 2 weeks prior or following the event.
- 3.5.4.6 No other factor 20 or 10 tournament will be sanctioned in the same period in the world, however, other Fa 20 or 10 may be sanctioned in that region within a period of 1 week prior or following the events.
- 3.5.4.7 The maximum number of teams per country with all players from the same country in one event is 1 or 2 (as decided by the TD).
- 3.5.4.8 The maximum number of players per country in one class is 3 or 6 (as decided by the TD).
- 3.5.4.9 Players from different countries cannot form teams in the team event.
- 3.5.4.10 Persons of different genders cannot form teams in the team event.
- 3.5.5 The TD report must ensure that the competition can be organized according to the regulations below, where subjects are not described in IPTTC regulations

the regulations for International Competitions as set out in the ITTF handbook chapter 3 will apply.

- 3.5.6 The TD report must contain details of the following:
- 3.5.6.1 Accommodation - suitable and available for persons with disabilities.
  - 3.5.6.2 Venue - accessibility.
  - 3.5.6.3 Transport from accommodation to the venue.
  - 3.5.6.4 Equipment to be used must be ITTF approved and tables for wheelchair play must fulfill IPTTC requirements
  - 3.5.6.5 Number of playing days for the competition.
  - 3.5.6.6 Maximum numbers of participants than can be accepted plus any other relevant information.
  - 3.5.6.7 Officials.
    - 3.5.6.7.1 Technical Delegate (TD): a TD must be appointed by the IPTTC and must be present during the championships. The TD must send his or her report to the IPTTC General Secretary within 30 days of completed tournaments.
      - 3.5.6.7.1.2 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the TD from two days before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
      - 3.5.6.7.2 Classifiers: 3 international classifiers appointed by the IPTTC Medical Officer must be present during the championships specifically for classifications, reclassifications and protests. This will be the chief classifier, one medical and one technical classifier.
        - 3.5.6.7.2.1 Expenses: The Organizing Committee must pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 from two days before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships to each Official Classifier.
        - 3.5.6.7.2.2 A four-day classification seminar may be organized, in which case, the Organizing Committee shall supply a conference room and accommodation for the participants. The participants shall pay their own travel and accommodation expenses to get to the seminar and a participation fee of €50.00 per person.
      - 3.5.6.7.3 Referees: one referee and a deputy referee appointed by the IPTTC Technical Officer in cooperation with the Table Tennis Association of the host country. The host country shall nominate the Referee who must be either an ITTF International Referee, who has passed the examination following the IPTTC Umpires seminar or National referee, who is an International Umpire and who has passed the examination following the IPTTC Umpires seminar.

- 3.5.6.7.3.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the referee and the deputy referee from two days before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.5.6.7.4 Umpires: there must be a number of umpires equal to the number of tables x 2 + 4. This means that if the competition is to be played on 12 tables the number of umpires must be 28.
- 3.5.6.7.4.1 The majority of the umpires should be certified IPTTC umpires who have passed the examination following the IPTTC umpires' seminar held during the World Championships and the Regional Championships.
- 3.5.6.7.4.2 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses for foreign umpires from the nearest airport in the host country, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 from the day before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.5.6.7.4.3 The Organizing Committee must invite up to 40% of the umpires necessary for the tournament from participating nations but should a participating nation not send an umpire, the host nation should appoint replacement umpires from its own ranks while maintaining the ratio of 50% IPTTC certified umpires and 50% nationally certified umpires.
- 3.5.6.7.5 The Organizing Committee shall provide room and board for 1 IPTTC executive and 1 staff during the international championship.
- 3.5.6.7.6 Capitation fees: per participant (management, official and player) of €20.00 must be paid to the IPTTC account held at the IPC Headquarters upon receipt of the invoice.
- 3.6 **INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Ranking Factor 20**
- 3.6.1 An international competition with all countries in the region invited but the organizing committee has to accept other nations in the world if they wish to enter. A closed tournament can only be accepted with special permission of the IPTTC Tournament Officer.
- 3.6.1.1 There shall be a maximum of two tournaments of Fa 10 and/or Fa 20 for the same classes per country/year.
- 3.6.2 The application for factor 20 championships should be submitted to the IPTTC Tournament Committee Secretary, with a copy to the IPTTC General Secretary at least 12 months before the championships. An approval fee €250.00 has to be paid together with the application to the IPTTC account held by the IPC Headquarters.
- 3.6.2.1 The application must contain an assurance that the tournament will be organized according to the regulations as set out in this handbook.
- 3.6.2.2 Other tournaments for the same classes may be sanctioned in the region within

- a period of 1 week prior to or following the event.
- 3.6.2.3 The maximum size of a round robin is 5 players.
- 3.6.2.4 The maximum number of players advancing from a round robin is 2 players.
- 3.6.2.5 The maximum matches for placement is one match for 3rd place.
- 3.6.2.6 The maximum number of teams per country with all players from the same country in one event is 2.
- 3.6.2.7 The maximum number of players per country in one class is 6. 2 extra junior players per class per nation should be allowed.
- 3.6.2.8 Players from different countries may form teams in the team event.
- 3.6.2.9 Persons of different genders cannot form teams in the team event.
- 3.6.3 The application must contain details of the following:
- 3.6.3.1 Accommodation - suitable for persons with disabilities.
- 3.6.3.2 Venue - accessibility.
- 3.6.3.3 Transport from accommodation to the venue.
- 3.6.3.4 Equipment to be used must be ITTF approved and tables for wheelchair play must fulfill IPTTC requirements.
- 3.6.3.5 Number of playing days for the competition.
- 3.6.3.6 Maximum numbers of participants than can be accepted plus any other relevant information.
- 3.6.3.7 Officials.
- 3.6.3.7.1 Technical Delegate (TD): a TD will be appointed by the IPTTC Tournament Officer and must be present during the championships. The Tournament Officer may, in exceptional circumstances, appoint a TD from the host nation, provided that the TD is not part of the Organizing Committee. No entry form can be sent out before it has been approved by the TD. A TD inspection will be done 8 months before the tournament date. The TD must send his or her report to the Secretary General within 30 days of completed tournaments.
- 3.6.3.7.1.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay travel expenses, accommodation and a daily allowance of €15.00 from the day before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.6.3.7.2 Classifiers: there will be 2 classifiers in factor 20 tournaments, one medical and one technical and they must be present during the championships. The classifiers cannot change a permanent classification but shall recommend that

the player is reviewed by a full panel of classifiers (chief, medical and technical).

- 3.6.3.7.2.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the classifiers from the day before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.6.3.7.3 Referees: one referee and a deputy referee appointed by the IPTTC Technical Officer in cooperation with the Table Tennis Association of the host country. The host country shall nominate the Referee who must be either an ITTF International Referee, who has passed the examination following the IPTTC Umpires seminar or National referee, who is an International Umpire and who has passed the examination following the IPTTC Umpires seminar.
- 3.6.3.7.3.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the referee and the deputy referee from two days before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.6.3.7.3.2 Umpires: there shall be one nationally certified umpire per table.
- 3.6.3.7.3.3 The Organizing Committee must invite up to 40% of the umpires necessary for the tournament from participating nations but should a participating nation not send an umpire, the host nation should appoint replacement umpires from its own ranks while maintaining the ratio of 50% IPTTC certified umpires and 50% nationally certified umpires.
- 3.6.3.7.4 Capitation fees: per participant (management, official and player) of €20.00 must be paid to the IPTTC account held at the IPC Headquarters upon receipt of the invoice.

### 3.7 **INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Ranking Factor 10**

- 3.7.1 An invitational championship with at least eight (8) countries invited but an organizer has to accept other nations in the world if they wish to enter. A closed tournament can only be accepted with special permission of the IPTTC Tournament Officer.
- 3.7.1.1 There shall be a maximum of two tournaments of Fa 10 and/or Fa 20 for the same classes per country/year.
- 3.7.2 The application for factor 10 championships has to go to the IPTTC Tournament Committee Secretary with a copy to the IPTTC General Secretary at least 6 months before the championships. An approval fee €250.00 has to be paid together with the application to the IPTTC account held by the IPC Headquarters.
- 3.7.2.1 If a junior event is added or if the tournament is a junior tournament, then it will be given a Fa 10 sanction.
- 3.7.3 The application must contain an assurance that the tournament will be

- organized according to the regulations as set out in this handbook.
- 3.7.3.1 Other tournaments for the same classes may be sanctioned in the region within a period of 1 week prior to or following the event
  - 3.7.3.2 The maximum size of a round robin is 6 players.
  - 3.7.3.3 The maximum number of players advancing from a round robin is 2 players.
  - 3.7.3.4 The maximum matches for placement is one match for 3rd place.
  - 3.7.3.5 The maximum number of teams per country with all players from the same country in one event is 2.
  - 3.7.3.6 The maximum number of players per country in one class is 6.
  - 3.7.3.7 Players from different countries may form teams in the team event.
  - 3.7.3.8 Persons of different genders cannot form teams in the team event.
  - 3.7.3.9 2 extra junior players per class per nation should be allowed.
  - 3.7.4 The application must contain details of the following:
    - 3.7.4.1 Accommodation - suitable for persons with disabilities.
    - 3.7.4.2 Venue - accessibility.
    - 3.7.4.3 Transport from accommodation to the venue.
    - 3.7.4.4 Equipment to be used must be ITTF approved and tables for wheelchair play must fulfill IPTTC requirements.
    - 3.7.4.5 Number of playing days for the competition.
    - 3.7.4.6 Maximum numbers of participants than can be accepted plus any other suitable information.
    - 3.7.4.7 Officials.
      - 3.7.4.7.1 Technical Delegate (TD): a TD will be appointed by the IPTTC Tournament Officer and must be present during the championships. The Tournament Officer may, in exceptional circumstances, appoint a TD from the host nation, provided that the TD is not part of the Organizing Committee. A TD inspection will be necessary. No entry form can be sent out before it has been approved by the TD. Organizers shall pay travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 from the day before to the day after the championships.
      - 3.7.4.7.2 Classifiers: there will be 1 classifier in factor 10 tournaments and must be present during the championships. The classifier cannot change a previous classification made by a full classification panel.

- 3.7.4.7.2.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the classifiers from the day before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.7.4.7.3 Referee: the IPTTC Technical Officer, in consultation with the Table Tennis Association of the host country shall appoint the referee who should be a national referee or an umpire who has passed the examination following the IPTTC umpires seminar.
- 3.7.4.7.3.1 Expenses: the Organizing Committee shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowance of €15.00 for the referee and the deputy referee from two days before the start of the championships and to the day after the championships.
- 3.7.4.7.4 The Organizing Committee must invite up to 40% of the umpires necessary for the tournament from participating nations but should a participating nation not send an umpire, the host nation should appoint replacement umpires from its own ranks while maintaining the ratio of 50% IPTTC certified umpires and 50% nationally certified umpires.
- 3.7.4.7.5 Capitation fees: per participant (management, official and player) of €10.00 must be paid to the IPTTC account held at the IPC headquarters upon receipt of the invoice.
- 3.8 **Entry forms for all Championships (80, 50, 30, 20, 10)**
- 3.8.1 After the IPTTC has approved the championships, the host country will issue an entry form to all National Paralympic Committees fully affiliated and paid up to the IPC from within the area of the competition (i.e. world, European, Pan-Am, African or Asian & Oceania). This is to be sent at least 4 months before the date of the championships. It must contain:
- 3.8.1.1 Date of Championships
- 3.8.1.2 Details of venue
- 3.8.1.3 Details of accommodation
- 3.8.1.4 Equipment to be used
- 3.8.1.5 Maximum number of teams / players allowed
- 3.8.1.6 TD(s) to be named
- 3.8.1.7 Composition of Classification / medical panel
- 3.8.1.8 Details of officials. Referee to be named and his or her qualifications
- 3.8.1.9 Entry fees, including price for escorts



- 3.8.1.10 Entry forms for all classes and competitions
- 3.8.1.11 International Jury
- 3.8.1.12 Closing date
- 3.8.1.13 Date and venue of Draw
- 3.8.2 **Events:** The following events must be played to form the Championships approved for factor 80, 50 or 30 (other than **Top 16**, **Top 12** or **Top 8**):
- 3.8.2.1 Team events for men and women in classes 1-5, classes 6-10 and class 11. One team per country in each class for Fa 50–100 sanctioned tournaments. An entry of four teams will be considered a competition.
- 3.8.2.2 Singles events for men and women in classes 1-5, classes 6-10 and class 11.
- 3.8.2.2.1 In Fa 80-100 tournaments, only three competitors per country per class.
- 3.8.2.2.2 In Fa 50 tournaments,
- 3.8.2.2.2.1 there may be up to 4 players per country if 2 classes are combined with a maximum of 3 players from the same class
- 3.8.2.2.2.2 may be up to 5 players per country if 3 classes are combined with a maximum of 3 players from the same class
- 3.8.2.2.2.3 if 2 or 3 classes are combined and 4 or 5 players per country competed in the singles event, there can be only 1 team per country in the team event composed of a maximum of 4 players
- 3.8.2.2.2.4 All regional championships must use the same event format as the following world championships or Paralympics Games. The IPTTC Selection Officer may decide on another format for regional championships in exceptional circumstances.
- 3.8.2.2.3 In Fa 10-30 tournaments, there may be up to 6 competitors per country per class. A minimum of four competitors will form a competition. If there are fewer than four competitors in an event, the players will be transferred to the next higher numbered class.
- If a singles Class 5 or 10 does not have four entries, the TD must combine this with the next lower class or with the next lower combination of classes.
- 3.8.2.3 Open class singles events for men and women in classes 1-5 and 6-10.
- 3.8.3 Notes:
- 3.8.3.1 Open class doubles events for men and women in classes 1-5, classes 6-10 and class 11 are not included in Fa 50-100 tournaments, but may be played in factor 30 or less tournaments as an optional event.

- 3.8.3.2 Should an event be deleted by the organizer in consultation with the IPTTC, for example due to low entries, it will not be reinstated at the Championships even if enough players are present.
- 3.8.3.3 In all events, team, singles and open, a match will be played for the bronze medal by the losing semifinalists if the event has a second stage play-off.
- 3.8.3.4 If there are less than four teams/players in an event, the TD may choose to change the event to be a ranking event. This event is then to be played for ranking points only. The players cannot get bonus points for such an event. This applies to all tournaments factor 30 or less.
- 3.8.3.5 The ideal number of players in combined classes in all tournaments (not championships) is to be decided by the Referee in consultation with the TD to ensure the ideal number for the system of play with a minimum of 1 player from each class including the lowest class.
- 3.8.3.6 For Factor 20 – 100 events, the maximum pool of players could be 5, and for Factor 10 events, the maximum pool could be 6.
- 3.8.3.7 For Factor 10 and 20 tournaments, 2 extra junior players per class per nation should be allowed.
- 3.8.3.8 Class 1 players in Factor 30 tournaments may play with other player/s of other nations in the Class 1 Team Event **but** not in a combined Class 1-2 event.
- 3.8.3.9 For tournaments sanctioned with factor 30 or less, the organizers are allowed to award medals for the players in a ranking event.
- 3.8.3.10 The open singles are played first in all IPTTC approved tournaments.
- 3.8.4 **Format of play**
- 3.8.4.1 Team events – by class:
- 3.8.4.1.1 Minimum number of entries 4 teams.
- 3.8.4.1.2 Maximum one team per country per event (for tournaments Fa **50** and above).
- 3.8.4.1.3 A maximum of 4 players per team in the whole event.
- 3.8.4.1.4 The event will be played in round robin groups. The number of teams in the groups shall be even where possible but there shall not be less than 3 teams per group.
- 3.8.4.1.5 The numbers of groups will be decided by the TD and the referee in co-operation with the management committee of the tournament. If the numbers of groups decided for an event is not a multiple of 2 (e.g. 2, 4 or 8 etc.), winners from the groups with the highest ranked seeded teams in ranking order shall have byes in the first round of the second stage in ranking order.

- 3.8.4.1.6 The winner and the runner-up of each group will advance to the second stage.
- 3.8.4.1.7 The second stage will be played on a knock-out basis.
- 3.8.4.1.8 Should enough entries be received (minimum 48), then 16 groups will be formed. In this case, only the winners will advance to the second stage.
- 3.8.4.1.9 Mixed class teams are allowed but the team must play in the class of the player with the highest class (e.g. if a class 2 and a class 3 player play together, they play in class 3). One of the players nominated must be of the same class as the event and must play as a singles player. However, this regulation will be waived if classes are combined due to low entries unless a team has already been entered for this class. No player may represent more than one team in any championship.
- 3.8.4.1.10 The team match shall cease upon a winning margin being gained.
- 3.8.4.1.11 In Fa50 where events are combined due to low entries in one event and the combination gives one country more than one team in the combined event, the Organizing Committee is to inform that country that only one team per event is allowed and their entry for that event is to be revised to conform to that regulation.
- 3.8.4.2 Class events – by class:
- 3.8.4.2.1 Minimum number of entries 4 players.
- 3.8.4.2.2 The event will be played in round robin groups.
- 3.8.4.2.3 The number of players in the groups shall be even where possible but there shall not be less than 3 players per group, but priority shall be given to groups of 4 players.
- 3.8.4.2.4 The winner and the runner-up of each group will advance to a second stage.
- 3.8.4.2.5 The second stage will be played on a knock-out basis.
- 3.8.4.2.6 The numbers of groups will be decided by the TD and the referee in co-operation with the organizing committee of the tournament. If the number of groups in an event is decided not to be a multiple of 2 (e.g. 2, 4 or 8 etc.), winners from the groups with the highest ranked seeded players shall have byes in the first round of the second stage, in ranking order.
- 3.8.4.2.7 Should at least 48 entries be received for an event, then 12/16 groups will be formed. In this case only the winners will advance to the second stage.
- 3.8.4.2.8 A player may only play in the class indicated on his or her international classification card unless, due to the low number of players, his or her class will be combined with the next class. Then they may play in the next higher class event.
- 3.8.4.2.9 When events are combined due to low entries in one event and the combination

gives one country more than three players in the combined event, the organizing committee will inform that country that only three competitors per event is allowed and their entry for that event will be revised to conform to that regulation.

#### 3.8.4.3 Open singles events - men and women - wheelchair and standing (4 events):

3.8.4.3.1 The events will be played on the knock-out system throughout.

3.8.4.3.2 There are no restrictions on countries concerning numbers entering these events. However, entrants must have entered in the team and/or class events.

3.8.4.3.3 Losing semi-finalists will play for the third place and bronze medals.

#### 3.8.4.4 Open doubles events - men and women - wheelchair and standing (4 events):

3.8.4.4.1 The events will be played on the knock-out system throughout.

3.8.4.4.2 There are no restrictions on countries concerning numbers entering these events. However, entrants must have entered in the team and/or class events.

3.8.4.4.3 Losing semi-finalists will play for the third place and bronze medals.

#### 3.8.5 **Seeding**

3.8.5.1 The last published international open ranking list will be used for all competitions.

3.8.5.2 The number of seeds is decided by the referee in accordance with the recommendation stated in the ITTF handbook for Tournament Referees.

3.8.5.3 In a team event, the list of seeds will be made by combing the ranking points of the two strongest players in the team.

#### 3.8.6 International ranking list:

3.8.6.1 The international ranking list shall be revised after each ranking tournament and will be published every quarter January 1, April 1, July 1 & October 1.

3.8.6.2 The international ranking list is available on the IPTTC website.

#### 3.8.7 The draw and playing system in the team and class events:

3.8.7.1 The draw will be made by the organizing committee with the TD (or a person nominated by the IPTTC) present. The draw for the first stage will be carried out either by computer or by hand.

3.8.7.2 Alterations to the draw may be made if a player is re-classified with the following considerations:

3.8.7.2.1 In factor 30 - 50 competitions, changes in classification will not take effect

earlier than 24 hours before the draw of any event. The tournament jury has the right to change the time limit to less than 24 hours in special circumstances.

- 3.8.7.2.2 In factor 80 - 100 competitions, all classification changes made before or during the tournament will not take effect until the next tournament.
- 3.8.8 The draw will follow the procedure described in the ITTF Regulations and the following procedure will be used.
- 3.8.8.1 Maximum number of seeds in each group is 2.
- 3.8.8.2 The number 1 seeded team/player will be placed in the top group of the upper half.
- 3.8.8.3 The number 2 seeded team/player will be placed in the bottom group of the bottom half.
- 3.8.8.4 The 2 number 3 seeds will be drawn to the bottom group of the top half and the top group of the bottom half.
- 3.8.8.5 If there are still empty groups remaining, the 4 number 5 seeds will be drawn to these empty groups. Otherwise they will be drawn into groups already occupied by another seeded team/player. This depends on the number of groups.
- 3.8.8.6 All other teams/players shall be drawn into the groups.
- 3.8.8.7 The playing system for team matches is the Original Corbillion Cup System: A vs X; B vs Y; double; A vs Y; B vs X. The doubles pair does not have to be named until the time the game is to be played. The team captain is allowed to use a player in the doubles other than the players nominated for the singles.
- 3.8.8.8 The calculation of group results is done as defined by the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions.
- 3.8.8.9 There will not be a separate draw for the second stage.
- 3.8.8.10 No group winner will play another group winner in the first round of the second stage.
- 3.8.8.11 In the first round of the second stage no team/player shall play any team/player that they played against in the first stage group matches.
- 3.8.8.12 When only one group is played, the winner shall receive a gold medal, the runner-up a silver medal, and third place shall receive a bronze medal.

### 3.9 **Classification**

- 3.9.1 All players shall hold an international classification card, a copy of which will be held by the IPTTC Medical Officer.
- 3.9.2 When a player plays in an international championship for the first time, his or

her country will give the player a temporary classification and he/she will be entered in that class with a note that he or she does not hold an international card. The player will then be classified at the championships by an international panel.

3.9.3 Should this classification be different from that given by the player's own country, he or she will play in the new class given by the classification panel and the draw will be altered providing that event concerned has not started.

3.9.4 The player will then be considered to have an international card for that class and will play in that class in the future or until he or she is re-classified.

3.9.5 Types of classification:

3.9.5.1 Permanent Classification (P): those athletes who have a permanent disability and do not require multiple classification evaluations.

3.9.5.2 Constant Review Classification (N): those athletes who have been classified before but require classification each tournament due to a progressive disability.

3.9.5.3 Under Review Classification (P\*): those athletes who have not been classified at a factor 20 and above tournament by a complete classification panel.

3.9.5.4 Not Classified (NC): those athletes who have not been classified.

3.9.5.5 Not Eligible (NE): those athletes are not allowed to participate.

### 3.10 **Protests**

3.10.1 All protests must be made through the Referee with the appropriate fee, set by the organizing committee.

3.10.2 The Referee will resolve the matter on subjects within his or her jurisdiction.

3.10.3 The Referee will refer all matters not within his or her jurisdiction to the international jury selected by the IPTTC.

3.10.4 The protest fee will only be refunded if the protest is upheld.

3.10.5 Only a full panel of classifiers (chief, medical and technical) may re-classify a **player** at any time during a championship.

3.10.6 If a player is reclassified after a protest or by a classifier during a championship, he or she will transfer to the new class in the next event and the draw will be altered. For example: if a player during the team event is reclassified from class 6 to class 7, he or she will, for the individual event, be transferred to class 7 and the draw for class 7 will be altered.

3.10.7 If it is deemed that a player has deliberately misled the classifiers he or she shall be immediately disqualified at the discretion of the Referee.

### 3.11 Other matters

3.11.1 Walk over rules: if the match is not played for any reason (illness, injuries, players not present at the event, etc.), no ranking points are given. If the match started, even if only 1 point is played, then points are given.

When a player does not show up for a competition or for a match he or she will be penalized by the deduction from his or her ranking points he or she should have earned if he or she had played the match in which he or she did not show up. This would however affect only the first match scheduled for that player which was not played and not any subsequent match in the event.

The regulations for applying the rule shall be as follows:

3.11.1.1 Before the competition a player informs the organizers and TD before the draw is made that he/she will not participate No deduction of points

3.11.1.1.2 informs the organizers after the Draw that he/she will not arrive for circumstances beyond his/her control (flight cancelled, serious and verifiable injury or illness [broken leg, appendicitis,...], death in close family,...) No deduction of points

3.11.1.1.3 does not show up without any information to organizers Yes, Deduction of points

3.11.1.2 During the competition a player at a certain stage of an event does not play his/her next scheduled match in this event, except if a present classifier doctor confirms that he/she is injured Yes, Deduction of points

3.11.1.2.2 cannot start a match because his/her racket has been found illegal and has no spare one Yes, Deduction of points

3.11.1.2.3 does not show up for a match for political reasons Yes, Deduction of points

3.11.1.2.4 is not able to show up for a match in an event, because he/she has entered in more than one event Yes, Deduction of points

3.11.1.2.5 does not show up for an event because he/she has been disqualified for the reminder of a competition for his/her misbehavior in this or another event Yes, Deduction of points

### 3.11.2 Equipment and Playing conditions

3.11.2.1 Tables shall allow access to wheelchairs without obstructing the player's legs and shall allow access to two wheelchairs for doubles.

3.11.2.2 Table legs shall be at least 40 cm from the end line of the table for wheelchair players.

3.11.2.3 The bottom (trousers) portion of a tracksuit may be worn during play; however, jeans shall not be worn during play.

3.11.2.4 For wheelchair play, the playing space may be reduced, but shall be not less than 8m long and 7m wide.

3,11,2,5 A concrete floor is, in principle, acceptable for wheelchair events.

### 3.11.3 Match Conduct

3.11.3.1 Unless otherwise authorized by the umpire, players shall leave their rackets on the table during the intervals. In all cases when the racket is strapped to the hand, the umpire will allow the player to retain his or her racket strapped to the hand during intervals.

3.11.3.2 For a player, adequate medical recovery time may be allowed by the Referee after consulting the classifier or medical doctor at the tournament, if the player is unable to play temporarily due to the nature of his/her disability or condition.

### 3.12 Future Championship events

3.12.1 The above described events will constitute an official championship.

3.12.2 Should host/organizing countries be able to organize more events, preference be given to events which encourage juniors, ladies and players of severe disability where possible.

## SECTION 4 TOP 16, TOP 12 AND TOP 8 COMPETITIONS

### 4.1 Sanction

4.1.1 Events carrying the title of "World" or "Regional TOP 12 or 8 Tournament" are held under the auspices of the IPTTC.

4.1.2 The IPTTC is the sole body entitled to sanction such events.

4.1.3 Applicants to stage events must represent and have backing of the relevant National Paralympic Committee (NPC).

4.1.4 Applicants will only receive sanction if all conditions set out in these Rules are met and the application form is signed by a senior representative of the NPC.

4.1.5 Should there be more than one application, the IPTTC will decide when and where the event shall be held.

4.1.6 An applicant receiving sanction to stage an event is hereafter referred to as "The Organizer".

4.1.7 The following 4 events could be staged:

4.1.7.1 Men's Wheelchair and Standing

4.1.7.2 Women's Wheelchair and Standing

4.1.8 The names "World TOP 16, 12 or 8" and "Regional TOP 16, 12 or TOP 8" are protected titles and may not be used for any other event.

4.1.9 The competition shall be played under the Rules of the ITTF as modified by the Rules for the Table Tennis for the Disabled.



- 4.1.10 All points not covered by these Rules shall be decided by the IPTTC whose decision shall be final in all cases.
- 4.2 Conditions of participation:
- 4.2.1 Participants shall be drawn from the current world open ranking lists or from the regional ranking lists, where appropriate.
- 4.2.2 Competitors shall be invited to take part by the IPTTC Selection Officer.
- 4.2.3 Male competitors shall number 16 or 12 in each event.
- 4.2.4 Female competitors shall number 12 or 8 in each event.
- 4.2.5 The decision to cancel an event under rule 4 shall be taken by the IPTTC.
- 4.2.6 Should a competitor cancel his or her invitation the IPTTC Selection Officer shall invite a replacement, which may be a local player in emergencies.
- 4.2.7 To forestall the problem referred to above IPTTC Selection Officer shall ask 2 reserve players in each class to stand by.
- 4.3 Finance
- 4.3.1 The Organizers shall be responsible for the expenses of all competitors, coaches and escorts with respect to the accommodation, meals and transport from the nearest international airport or major rail station to the host town.
- 4.3.2 Coaches may accompany players in the ratio of 1 per country per event (except as stated below in 3) i.e. 2 players in wheelchair (men) + 1 player in standing (women) = 2 coaches.
- 4.3.3 Rule 4.3.2 shall not apply in the case of **quadriplegics** who may be accompanied by 1 escort per player.
- 4.3.4 The Organizer shall pay the expenses (including flights) of 1 representative of the IPTTC.
- 4.3.4 The travel expenses of players and escorts should be met by the relevant NPC of which they are members.
- 4.3.5 On application for sanction, the Organizer must pay an approval fee of €300.00 to the IPTTC through its account held with the IPC.
- 4.3.6 The application fee is non-refundable.
- 4.3.7 The IPTTC shall not be liable to any expense should a loss be made by the Organizer.
- 4.3.8 The costs of all trophies and awards must be met by the Organizer.
- 4.4 Organization and format of play:

- 4.4.1 The duration of the Competition shall be 3 days:  
Day 1: Rest, acclimatization and practice.  
Day 2 and 3: Competition.
- 4.4.2 The Organizer shall produce a schedule of play in advance which must be handed to the Player/Escort on arrival.
- 4.4.3 A male player may not play more than 6 matches per day.
- 4.4.4 A female player may not play more than 4 matches per day.
- 4.4.5 In order to obtain an accurate result, all matches must be completed. Should a player withdraw for any reason, all his or her results will be cancelled.
- 4.4.6 All matches will be best of 5 games (3 games won).
- 4.4.7 In the case of 2 or more players from the same country taking part in the same event, the playing schedule will be arranged so that these matches are played first.
- 4.4.8 On completion of the event, the final positions shall be calculated according to the ITTF regulation describing calculation of group results.
- 4.5 Awards:
- 4.5.1 Each competitor shall receive a commemorative gift.
- 4.5.2 First, second and third place in each event will receive an additional trophy and shall be recorded in the IPTTC's handbook.
- 4.5.3 All awards, cash or other, must be approved by IPTTC.
- 4.5.4 At its discretion, the Organizer may make additional awards which may be of cash not to exceed €550 in each case.
- 4.5.5 Should cash awards be made, the Organizer shall provide written warning to all competitors that their amateur status may be at risk and that they may be subject to tax.
- 4.5.6 All awards must be mentioned in advertising prior to the competition.
- 4.6 Miscellaneous:
- 4.6.1 Decisions on any omissions to these Rules shall be made by the IPTTC whose decisions in all cases are final.

## **SECTION 5 THE WORLD RANKING SYSTEM**

### **5.1 POINT SYSTEM**

5.1.1 The players who participate in international tournaments according to the previous section of these rules will be awarded points for the world ranking but the points will be multiplied with the factor that applies to that tournament.

Nevertheless, only the 6 best tournaments will be retained in ranking list i.e. if a player has participated to more than 6 tournaments, then only the points gained in his or her 6 best tournaments will be counted in the ranking list.

5.1.2 Ranking points are awarded as follows:

5.1.2.1 Team Events

Classes 4, 5, 9 and 10	1.5 points for each win.
Classes 3 and 8	1 point for each win
Classes 1, 2, 6 and 7	0.5 point for each win

Same points shall be given to each player in double win.  
No bonus points possible

5.1.2.2 Single Events

Classes 5 and 10	5 points for each win
Classes 4 and 9	4 points for each win
Classes 3 and 8	3 points for each win
Classes 2 and 7	2 points for each win
Classes 1 and 6	1 point for each win

Bonus points in single events:

Classes 5 and 10	Gold - 15	Silver - 10	Bronze - 5
Classes 4 and 9	Gold - 12	Silver - 8	Bronze - 4
Classes 3 and 8	Gold - 9	Silver - 6	Bronze - 3
Classes 2 and 7	Gold - 6	Silver - 4	Bronze - 2
Classes 1 and 6	Gold - 3	Silver - 2	Bronze - 1

5.1.2.3 Open Events (no classes involved): generally 3 points for each win plus 1 point extra for each class the player defeated is higher than the winner's own class i.e. a class 2 player wins against a class 4 player: 3 (games) + 2 (classes higher) = 5 points.

Bonus points in open events:

Gold – 15	Silver – 10	Bronze - 5
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2.5 points for losing quarter finalists, where the entry is over 64 competitors.

5.1.2.4 When classes are combined i.e. class 1, 2 and 3 are played together, the points from the highest of the combined classes apply to all the matches played in that event.

5.1.2.5 In open doubles event, the ranking points will be divided equally between the two players winning the double match such that one extra point is allocated to the players winning for every class above their own that the losing players played in.

5.1.2.6 In class doubles event the same number of ranking points shall be allocated as the singles match in the class event. The ranking points will be divided equally between the two players winning the doubles match.

5.1.3 A match should be considered as walk-over (W/O) and counted into ranking list only if it has been started (at least one point must have been played) and then stopped before its normal end due to an injury or for any other reason that prevented one player completing the match. If a player does not arrive, then the match is considered as BYE and should not be counted into ranking list.

## 5.2 THE UPDATE OF THE WORLD RANKING

5.2.1 The World Ranking list will be updated by the Ranking Director 4 times a year (January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1.) and will be available on demand from the Ranking Officer on payment of €25,00 for each request.

As an extra service the following information will be available free of charge on the IPTTC website at <http://www.ipttc.org> together with rules, classification standards, tournament calendar (continuously updated) and general information.

5.2.2. Ranking points awarded in the Paralympics or World Championships will be kept unchanged for two years and then reduced to 25% of original value and annulled by the next Paralympics / World Championships.

5.2.3. Ranking points awarded in the Regional Championships will be reduced annually by 25% until the next Regional Championships in the same Region when they are annulled.

5.2.4. Ranking points awarded in other approved tournaments will be kept for one year when they will be annulled.

5.2.5. By cancellation of either the Paralympics or the World Championships the points due for reduction this year will only be reduced by 50% and be totally annulled two years later.

5.2.6. If there are no international tournaments in any year, the IPTTC may decide on a different updating procedure.

5.2.7 All points of a player are lost and the player is removed from the ranking list after 30 months of inactivity i.e. 30 months without participating in a tournament sanctioned by IPTTC.

5.2.8 Organizers of all types of tournaments must use IPTTC's Standard Results Form and will not be accepted without it. The IPTTC's Standard Results Form is available from the IPTTC website. If the Organizing Committee sends the result forms to the IPTTC Ranking Director more than four weeks after the tournament, the results will count for the next published World Ranking. Ranking points will be annulled one year from the date of the end of the tournament.

## 5.3. INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- 5.3.1 The approved tournament has to have the sanction of the host NPC and the entry forms must be sent to all NPCs of their region, not to individuals.
- 5.3.1.1 The tournament has to follow the regulations as set up in this book.
- 5.3.1.2 A list with all invited nations must be sent to the Ranking Director.
- 5.3.2 The organizing committee must supply the results of all matches played in the team event - singles events and open events - so that points can be calculated. For the open events, the organizing committee must supply the class for each player in every match.
- 5.3.3 The IPTTC may withdraw sanction or approval before or after the event if it finds that the tournament has been organized in an unfair manner or the regulations for organizing an international tournament have been violated.
- 5.3.4 Observance of the regulations will be checked by the IPTTC when they receive the results from the organizers.
- 5.3.5 Results have to be submitted to the Ranking Director not later than 4 weeks after the competition.
- 5.3.6 Results will affect the update of the ranking list on the next April 1, July 1, October 1 or January 1 only if the Ranking Director receives the results not later than 3 weeks before the above mentioned dates.
- 5.3.7 The Ranking Director may recommend to the IPTTC a delay of the update of the ranking list for up to 3 weeks to be able to calculate any late incoming results. The IPTTC may allow any further delays of the updating procedure if necessary.

## **SECTION 6 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 6.1 The purpose of the selection criteria for the World Championships is to achieve the following:
  - 6.1.1 To ensure that the best athletes of the world participates in these tournaments.
  - 6.1.2 To ensure that all regions of the world participate in these tournaments.
  - 6.1.3 To give the IPTTC a small number of wild cards to ensure that new "rising stars" get an opportunity to participate in these tournaments.
  - 6.1.4 To ensure that the host association of these tournaments receives some wild cards for their players.
- 6.2 The criteria apply in the following order:
  - 6.2.1 30% of the individual athletes will be selected from the regional qualifying tournaments held in the year before the World Championships. (i.e. European, Pan-American, Asian & Oceania and African). As a minimum, the regional

- champion of an individual class event is guaranteed selection for the World Championships.
- 6.2.2 60% of the participants are selected on basis of the world ranking.
- 6.2.3 The IPTTC may use the last 10% for Wild Cards and Team Target Players.
- 6.2.4 Every player selected as Team Target Player will also play in the singles event.
- 6.3 Team Target Players: based on the selected individual players the IPTTC will evaluate the selection list to find nations that are able to form a team in the team events. If a nation has a very strong player already qualified for the individual event and has a player of nearly similar strength not qualified, the nation will be asked if it would like to select a team target player to form a team in that event. This process will be repeated to select the number of teams needed for the team events.
- 6.4 Tournament Credit**
- 6.4.1 A Tournament credit and the length of the period to achieve it will be determined by the Selection Officer 24 months before the date of the World Championships or the PG
- 6.4.2 To be eligible for a selection, the player must achieve the tournament credit during the given period.
- 6.4.3 The Regional Championships, World Championships and PG are not taken in account to achieve the Tournament Credit.

## **SECTION 7 AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 7.1 Rules and regulations: may be changed at the Table Tennis Assembly held at the World Championships as well as at other Table Tennis Assembly called by the IPTTC.
- 7.2 World ranking system: the ranking system may be reviewed and amended at the World Championships during the Table Tennis Assembly. The IPTTC may decide on a different updating procedure in case of a year without international tournaments.
- 7.3 Selection Criteria:
- 7.3.1 Selection for Paralympic Games to be approved by the IPC Governing Board on the recommendation of the STC.
- 7.3.2 Selection for the World Championships: the Table Tennis Assembly at the Paralympics 1996 in Atlanta first decided the purposes that the selection criteria should fulfill, and the IPTTC has approved the criteria in these Rules and Regulations. These criteria can be amended at the Table Tennis Assembly held during the World Championships.

- 7.4 Tournament regulations: may be changed once a year by the Executive.  
7.5

## **SECTION 8 BYLAWS**

- 8.1 Structure: the IPTTC shall consist of the following elected executive members:
- 8.1.1 Chairperson (elected at the World Championships)
  - 8.1.2 Vice-chairperson (elected at the World Championships)
  - 8.1.3 Medical Officer (elected at the World Championships)
  - 8.1.4 Technical Officer (elected at the World Championships)
  - 8.1.5 Selection Officer (elected at the World Championships)
  - 8.1.6 Treasurer (elected at the World Championships)
  - 8.1.7 Four regional representatives (Asia and Oceania, Africa, Europe and Americas – elected at regional championships).
  - 8.1.8 Athletes' representative (elected by the athletes at the World Championships).
- 8.2 And the following appointed members:
- 8.2.1 General Secretary
  - 8.2.2 Tournament Officer
  - 8.2.3 Ranking Director
- 8.3 The regional representative should be elected at the regional championships by that region's national members (NPCs) for a 4 year term.
- 8.4 Any change to the by-laws must be made in consultation with IPC Legal Committee. The by-law, as amended, will be effective immediately or from a date the Table Tennis Assembly decides.

## **SECTION 9 DIRECTORY**

- 9.1 Updated information about all aspects of the IPTTC can be found in the IPTTC website: <http://www.ipttc.org>

## **SECTION 10 HISTORY** **Background**

The first Table Tennis Sub-committee was formed in the 1970's under the then International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation (now IWAS) and was only responsible for wheelchair events. It was not until the introduction of standing players in the 1976 Paralympic Games for

Amputees and Les Autres, in the 1980 Paralympic Games for Cerebral Palsied, and later in 1982 in the 1st World Championships for all Disabilities that the various Table Tennis subcommittees came together to consider the issue of combined classifications which later led to the formation of just one table tennis committee. In the 1988 Seoul Paralympic Games run under the auspices of the International Coordinating Committee, the combined committee for table tennis was formed, with Mr. Thomas Kanhede from ISOD as Chairperson and Mr. Ted Inge of the ISMGF as Secretary.

The use of the name of International Table Tennis for the Disabled (IPTTC) dated back to as early as 1980, eight years before the formation of the first combined committee. At the Sports Assembly during the Barcelona Paralympic Games in 1992 run under the auspices of the IPC, Mr. Tony Teff was elected the Chairperson with Peter Glaese as the Treasurer. Table Tennis was considered the pioneer sport among the others in combining all disability classes and was also believed to be the sport practiced by the greatest number of persons with disabilities.

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## **SECTION 11 TABLE TENNIS WHEELCHAIR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM**

### **11.1 CLASS 1**

11.1.1 Elbow and hand extension are achieved by a swinging movement initiated from the shoulder. Coordination of arm movements is significantly different from non-impaired arms. All trunk movements are secured by holding wheelchair or thigh with the hand or by holding the back of the chair with bent elbow.

#### 11.1.2 CPs:

Asymmetric or symmetric quadriplegia.

Severe trunk balance disorders.

Upper extremity spasticity (Spasticity grade scale for muscle tone: 3-4).

### **11.2 CLASS 2**

11.2.1 Elbow extension is sufficient and hand movements are well coordinated but without normal power. Positioning of trunk is secured similarly to Class 1 players.

#### 11.2.2 CPs:

Triplegia.

Severe trunk balance disorders.

Upper extremity spasticity (Spasticity grade scale for muscle tone: 2-3).

### **11.3 CLASS 3**

11.3.1 In the highest lesions (C8) minimal motor losses maybe seen in the bat hand, but these losses are not significant enough to affect any known table tennis skill. Slight changes of trunk position are secured by the free hand holding, pushing or propping the wheelchair or thigh. Lower part of the trunk keeps in contact with the back of the seat. Backward movements of the arm are reduced because of missing trunk rotation. Deliberate movements of the wheelchair are mostly disadvantageous.

#### 11.3.2 CPs:

Severe diplegia.



Minimal limitations in control of upper extremities.  
Moderate trunk balance disorders.  
Severe Spasticity in lower extremities (Spasticity grade scale for muscle tone:4).

#### 11.4 **CLASS 4**

11.4.1 Sitting upright, normal arm and trunk movements can be seen. Trunk movements to increase reach are only possible by using free arm to prop, hold or push at wheelchair or thigh. Deliberate movements of the wheelchair are possible. When starting with one hand forward trunk can not lean forward optimally. Lateral movements are not possible without assistance from the free arm.

11.4.2 CPs:  
Moderate diplegia.  
Moderate disorders in trunk balance.  
Moderate spasticity in lower extremities (Spasticity grade scale for muscle tone: 3).

#### 11.5 **CLASS 5**

11.5.1 Trunk may be bent forward or raised deliberately in sagittal plane without use of free arm. Significant pushing actions with thighs or even feet can be seen. Wheelchair handling is optimal because of good trunk positioning forward and backward. Some lateral movement can be seen.

11.5.2 CPs:  
Slight diplegia.  
Minimal trunk balance problems.  
Slight spasticity in lower extremities.  
Cannot play standing.

#### 11.6 **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CLASSES**

11.6.1 PRIMARY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CLASSES 1 & 2:  
No active elbow extension in Class 1. Arm co-ordination and hand extensor muscles must be stronger in Class 2. Contraction of hand flexors is not controlled or co-ordinated by their antagonists (hand extensors) in Class 1.

11.6.2 PRIMARY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CLASSES 2 & 3:  
The Class 3 player has improved upper body movement.

11.6.3 PRIMARY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CLASSES 3 & 4:  
Class 4 players sit free and execute significant rotation of the trunk when playing arm is moved backwards to the maximum.

11.6.4 PRIMARY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CLASSES 4 & 5:  
Class 5 players move trunk deliberately in sagittal plane.  
Class 4 players show extreme lumbar lordosis when raising trunk from lap.

#### 11.7 **CLASSIFICATION OF DISABLED OTHER THAN PARAPLEGICS AND QUADRIPELGICS**

11.7.1 **INCOMPLETE ISMWSF 1C PLAYERS:**

Classified according to remaining trunk functions in Classes 3, 4, or 5

- 11.7.2 **AMPUTEES:**  
All play in Class 5 except those with hip ex-articulation and those with double above-knee amputations with short stumps (i.e. proximal 1/3) who may play in Class 4.
- 11.7.3 **LES AUTRES:**  
11.7.4 Players with internal prosthesis of hip, knee or ankle prohibited from playing in standing classes may play in Class 5.

## SECTION 12 TABLE TENNIS STANDING CLASSIFICATION

- 12.1 **Starting points**  
12.1.1 The volume of action (three-dimensional) and the reaction time (four-dimensional) determine the capabilities of the table tennis player.
- 12.1.2 Athletes with cerebral problems, e.g. cerebral palsy and traumatic brain injury, mostly demonstrate a longer reaction time and reduced level of co-ordination.
- 12.1.3 The volume of action is determined by the length of the playing arm, the range of movement of the trunk and the capabilities of the legs to move the athlete behind the table.
- 12.1.4 The precision of the hand movements is depending on the co-ordination and the anatomical relationships of the upper limb.
- 12.1.5 Balance functions, which are a special expression of co-ordination, are also depending on anatomical relations.
- 12.1.6 The standing classes must become a graduated system.
- 12.2 **Class 6**  
12.2.1 Severe impairments of legs and arms
- 12.2.1.1 severe Cerebral Palsy (CP) – hemiplegia with playing arm included
- 12.2.1.2 severe CP – diplegia playing arm included
- 12.2.1.3 severe CP – athetoid (involuntary slow movements)
- 12.2.1.3.1 Abnormal strokes
- 12.2.1.3.2 poor balance
- 12.2.1.3.3 poor movements
- 12.2.1.4 amputation on playing arm and leg(s) or both arms and leg(s) or similar dysmelia
- 12.2.1.5 double AK (above knee amputation)

- 12.2.1.6 arthrogryphosis playing arm and leg(s) or both arms and leg(s)
- 12.2.1.7 muscular dystrophy of limbs and trunk or other neuromuscular disability of comparable impairment profile
- 12.2.1.8 incomplete spinal cord injury of comparable profile
- 12.2.1.9 a player with the handle of the racket in his mouth
- 12.3 **Class 7**
- 12.3.1 **Very severe impairments of legs** (poor static and dynamic balance)
  - 12.3.1.1 severe polio of both legs
  - 12.3.1.2 single AK plus single BK (below knee amputation)
  - 12.3.1.3 incomplete spinal cord injury of comparable profile
  - 12.3.1.4 a player with hip disarticulation or above knee amputation of the same dominant side and without any support who plays on one leg
- 12.3.2 **or Severe to moderate impairments of playing arm**
  - 12.3.2.1 single AE (above elbow amputation) of playing arm or both arms
  - 12.3.2.2 single BE (below elbow amputation) 1/3 of normal length
  - 12.3.2.3 arthrogryphosis of arm(s)
  - 12.3.2.4 dysmelia of comparable profile
- 12.3.3 **or Moderate CP hemiplegia or diplegia playing arm included**
  - 12.3.3.1 mild impairment in playing arm and moderate impairment in legs
  - 12.3.3.2 moderate impairment in playing arm and mild impairment in legs
- 12.3.4 **or Combination of arm and leg impairments of which the impairment in one limb is less severe to be eligible in class 7**
- 12.4 **Class 8**
- 12.4.1 **Moderate impairments of the legs**
  - 12.4.1.1 one non-functional leg
    - 12.4.1.1.1 polio on one leg
    - 12.4.1.1.2 single AK
    - 12.4.1.1.3 stiff hip and stiff knee (together)

- 12.4.1.1.4 hip luxation with visible shortening can be class 8 or 9 depending on the function
- 12.4.1.1.5 a hip disarticulation with a functional prosthesis is a class 8
- 12.4.1.1.6 one stiff hip may be worse than an AK. Decide 8 or 7 ( important is the free movement of the lower back and pelvis. A very short AK may be a class 7 as well)
- 12.4.1.2 two moderate legs
  - 12.4.1.2.1 polio
  - 12.4.1.2.2 double BK
  - 12.4.1.2.3 incomplete Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), spina bifida level S1
  - 12.4.1.2.4 two stiff knees consider class 7 or 8
- 12.4.2 **or Moderate impairments of playing arm**
  - 12.4.2.1 single BE with long stump more than 1/3 but without functional wrist joint
  - 12.4.2.2 stiff elbow concerning flexion-extension and pronation-supination
  - 12.4.2.3 stiff or frozen shoulder
- 12.4.3 **or Moderate CP hemiplegia or diplegia with good playing arm**
  - 12.4.3.1 playing arm almost normal with moderate problem(s) of leg(s) movements
- 12.5 **Class 9**
  - 12.5.1 Mild impairments of the legs
    - 12.5.1.1 polio of leg(s) but with good movements
      - 12.5.1.1.1 single BK
      - 12.5.1.1.2 stiff hip
      - 12.5.1.1.3 stiff knee
    - 12.5.1.2 severe arthrosis of hip (reduction of flexion "less than 90°" with less abduction and internal rotation than normal )
    - 12.5.1.3 severe arthrosis of the knee (atrophy and decreased Range Of Motion-ROM)
    - 12.5.1.4 incomplete spina bifida
  - 12.5.2 or Mild impairments of playing arm
    - 12.5.2.1 amputation through the hand or fingers amputation without functional grip

- 12.5.2.2 stiff wrist and fingers without functional grip
- 12.5.2.3 moderate reduced shoulder or elbow motion
- 12.5.3 **or Severe impairments of non-playing arm**
- 12.5.3.1 single AE with very short stump (not longer than 1/3)
- 12.5.3.2 brachial plexus lesion with paralysis of the whole arm
- 12.5.4 **or Mild CP with hemiparesis or monoplegia**
- 12.5.4.1 almost normal playing arm with minimal problems of the legs
- 12.6 **Class10**
- 12.6.1 **Very mild impairments in legs**
- 12.6.1.1 single stiff ankle
- 12.6.1.2 amputation of forefoot through all metatarsals (minimal 1/3 of foot)
- 12.6.1.3 hip (sub)luxation
- 12.6.1.4 moderate to mild arthrosis
- 12.6.1.5 polio: loss of 10 points in muscles strength in one lower extremity
- 12.6.1.6 10 points of loss over two legs is not considered to meet the minimal disability
- 12.6.2 **or Very mild impairment of playing arm**
- 12.6.2.1 finger amputation/dysmelia with functional grip
- 12.6.2.2 stiff wrist with functional grip
- 12.6.2.3 weakness of the hand or a joint of the arm
- 12.6.3 **or Severe to moderate impairment of non-playing arm**
- 12.6.3.1 single BE with a stump length not longer than half of forearm
- 12.6.3.2 brachial plexus lesion with some residual functions
- 12.6.3.3 dysmelia or similar disabilities not longer than 1/2 of the forearm
- 12.6.4 **or Concerning the back** (see minimal disability)

- Comments
1. entities are considered as such, e.g. : AK, BK, hip luxation, etc .....
  2. all players with permanent classification up to the end of the year 2000 have acquired rights and are allowed to continue in the new system
  3. Nanism/dwarves are included in the Classification System with the understanding that the classifiers will allocate the appropriate class to the player.

## **Section 13            CHANGES TO THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

Changes are highlighted in gray. These changes will come into effect on February 1, 2007

A new tournament structure has been approved and will come into effect on January 1, 2009.