

# Propositions to the AGM 2009

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> | <p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To delete paragraph 1.5.2.4 and to add a new paragraph 1.5.3.3</i></p> <p><del>1.5.2.4 The Board shall determine the terms of reference for Equipment, Media, Nominations, Ranking, Rules, Sports Science, Technical, Umpires &amp; Referees and New Technologies &amp; Research Committees, as well as for the Athletes Commission and Junior Commission. The Board may determine the terms of reference for any other Committee, Commission, working group or panel that it may from time to time establish.</del></p> <p><b>1.5.3.3 The Executive Committee shall determine the terms of reference for all committees, commissions, working groups or panels that the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may establish from time to time.</b></p> <p>Rationale:<br/>This is the current practice and it also gives flexibility in establishing new committees or commissions as well as changing names of committees or commissions without needing approval of the AGM.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> | <p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 1.3.5 and to rename the "Olympic Commission" to "Olympic and Paralympic Commission" in 1.9</i></p> <p>1.3.5 The ITTF shall co-operate with the IOC, ASOIF, GAISF, <b>International Paralympic Committee (IPC)</b> and other organisations that recognise it as the controlling and governing authority for table tennis throughout the world.</p> <p>1.9 <b>OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMISSION</b></p> <p>1.9.1 The <del>Olympic</del> Commission shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, the Continental Federations Presidents or their appointees and a representative of the organising committee of the next Olympic Games.</p>   |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p> | <p><b>Proposed by the Chinese Table Tennis Association</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 2.4.3</p> <p>2.4.3 A side of the blade used for striking the ball shall be covered with either ordinary pimples rubber, with pimples outwards having a total thickness including adhesive of not more than 2mm, or sandwich rubber, with pimples inwards or outwards, having a total thickness <del>including</del> <b>excluding</b> adhesive of not more than <del>4mm</del> <b>3.8mm and including adhesive of not more than 4mm.</b></p> <p>Rationale:<br/>Currently if a player's racket cannot pass the racket control, the player should withstand all the punishments. This is unfair to the players. The new modification makes a balance to the responsibility between players and manufacturers by giving the players 0.2 mm to glue their own rackets.</p> <p><i>By this the total thickness of a sandwich rubber without any adhesive would be limited to 3.8mm. The thickness of rubber plus adhesive would remain unchanged.</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> | <p><b>Proposed by the Finnish Table Tennis Association</b></p> <p>To clarify paragraphs 2.4.3 and 2.4.3.2</p> <p>2.4.3 A side of the blade used for striking the ball shall be covered with either ordinary pimples rubber, with pimples outwards having a total thickness including adhesive of not more than <b>2.0mm</b>, or sandwich rubber, with pimples inwards or outwards, having a total thickness including adhesive of not more than <b>4.0mm.</b></p> <p>2.4.3.2 Sandwich rubber is a single layer of cellular rubber covered with a single outer layer of ordinary pimples rubber, the thickness of the pimples rubber not being more than <b>2.0mm.</b></p> <p>Rationale:<br/>The proposed amendment does not represent any change but merely a more precise definition of the requirements.</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> | <p><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 2.4.7</p> <p>2.4.7 The racket covering <del>should</del> <b>shall</b> be used as it has been authorised by the ITTF <del>in the original condition</del> without any physical, chemical or other treatment, changing or modifying playing properties, friction, outlook, colour, structure, surface, etc.</p> <p><i>By this the inconsistency that a table tennis Law refers to a Regulation for International Competition (authorisation of racket coverings) would be avoided.</i></p>  |

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| <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">6</p> | <p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Proposed by the Austrian Table Tennis Association</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 2.6.2</p> <p>2.6.2 The server shall then project the ball <del>near vertically</del> upwards, without imparting spin, so that it rises at least 16cm after leaving the palm of the free hand and then falls <u>at least 16cm</u> without touching anything before being struck.</p> <p>Rationale:<br/>It is often very difficult for umpires to decide if the ball was projected “near vertically”. But if only this requirement would be eliminated, the ball could be projected in almost horizontal direction, still being thrown upwards, and then being struck after falling only a few millimetres. So it seems useful to introduce in addition to the minimum projection distance of 16cm also a minimum falling distance.</p> <p><i>By this the “near vertical” ball projection at service would be replaced by an “upward” projection. At the same time a minimum “falling distance”, equal to the “projection distance”, would be required.</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7</p> | <p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 2.6.6</p> <p>2.6.6 It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire or the assistant umpire can see <u>be sure</u> that he complies with the requirements for a correct service.</p> <p>Rationale:<br/>This change should be a solution if there is only one umpire and no assistant umpire officiating. If the umpire is convinced that the service is correct but cannot follow the entire service action he does not have to call a fault or let.</p> <p><i>By this the umpire’s visual perception of the correctness of the service would be replaced by the conviction that the service action is correct.</i></p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">8</p> | <p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Proposed by the Umpires and Referees Committee</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 2.6.6.1</p> <p>2.6.6.1 If the umpire <b>or assistant umpire</b> is doubtful of the legality of a service he may, on the first occasion in a match, declare a let and warn the server.</p> <p>Rationale:<br/>This solves the situation where it is not possible for the umpire to see the full service action.</p> <p><i>This would involve the assistant umpire in calling a let if he is doubtful of the correctness of a service action.</i></p>   |

# Propositions to the Board of Directors 2009

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9</b></p>  | <p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee and the Equipment Committee</b></p> <p>To rename paragraph 3.2.4 and to modify paragraph 3.2.4.2</p> <p><b>3.2.4 Gluing Racket Control</b></p> <p><del>3.2.4.2 Tests for harmful volatile solvents shall be carried out at World and Olympic title competitions, Pro-Tour tournaments and World Junior Circuit events; and a player whose racket is found to contain such a solvent is liable to be disqualified from the competition and reported to his Association.</del></p> <p><b>3.2.4.2 A Racket Control centre shall be established at all ITTF World Title and Olympic events as well as at a select number of ITTF Pro Tour and Junior Circuit events. The Racket Control centre will test rackets, according to the policy and procedure established by the Executive Committee on recommendation from the Equipment Committee, to ensure that rackets abide by all ITTF regulations including, but not limited to, racket covering thickness, flatness and presence of harmful volatile substances. Rackets that do not pass the Racket Control test cannot be used in the above listed competitions and the player will be subject to penalties according to the policy and procedure in place at the time.</b></p> <p><i>By this the specific term “Gluing” would be replaced by the more general term “Racket Control” and tasks of a “Racket Control centre” would be defined.</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p> | <p><b>Proposed by the Qatar Table Tennis Association</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 3.2.4.2</p> <p>3.2.4.2 Tests for harmful solvents shall be carried out at World and Olympic title competitions, Pro-Tour tournaments, <del>and</del> World Junior Circuit events, <b>Continental and Regional competitions</b>; and a player whose racket is found to contain such a solvent is liable to be disqualified from the competition and reported to his Association.</p> <p>Rationale:<br/>We all agree that adhesives which contain harmful volatile solvents are dangerous for the health of the players. For the same reason ITTF introduced tests for harmful volatile solvents at competitions mentioned in paragraph 3.2.4.2, tests shall be carried out at all international competitions.</p> <p><i>This would extend the list of events where racket controls shall be carried out.</i></p>  |

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| <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">11</p> | <p><b>Proposed by the Rules Committee</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 3.2.5.7</p> <p>3.2.5.7 There may be 1 temporary advertisement on each half of each side of the tabletop and 1 on each end, clearly separated from any permanent advertisements and each contained within a total length of 60cm; they shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers <b>and there shall be no other advertisement on any part of the table except the net assembly.</b></p> <p>Rationale:<br/>At present there are no regulations on advertisements on the table's undercarriage but there are complaints of players regarding disturbing logos on the short sides of the table's undercarriage.</p> <p><i>By this additional advertisement on parts of the table below the tabletop would become illegal.</i></p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">12</p> | <p><b>Proposed by the Umpires and Referees Committee</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 3.7.5.1</p> <p>3.7.5.1 In a Group, or "round robin", competition, all members of the group shall compete against each other and shall gain 2 match points for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match; the ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained. <b>If a player is defaulted after the completion of a match for any reason, he shall be deemed to have lost the match, which shall subsequently be recorded as a loss in an unplayed match.</b></p> <p>Rationale:<br/>It is currently not fully clear how to register this situation.</p> <p><i>This would clarify that a match of a player being disqualified after this match has to be considered as a loss in an unplayed match (0 points).</i></p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">13</p> | <p><b>Proposed by the Technical Committee</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 4.1.9.3</p> <p>4.1.9.3 The system of play in team and individual events, shall be decided by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, and shall be notified to all Associations not later than <del>30</del> <b>12</b> calendar months (team events) and 6 calendar months (individual events) before the start of the Championships.</p> <p>Rationale:<br/>The current World Team Table Tennis Championships is played every two years. This means that even if the playing system was found problematic and the revised opinions were immediately put forward after the match, the following Championships could not revise the problematic playing system because of the limitation of the 30-months regulation. We have to wait till the next Championships. If we shorten the time from 30 months to 18 months, it is still not suitable because the Board of Directors won't hold a meeting within 6 months after each Championships. So 12 months are feasible.</p> |

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| <p><b>14</b></p> | <p><b><i>Proposed by the German Table Tennis Association</i></b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.7.6.3 (with the consequence to amend 4.1.9.4 and 4.3.2.2 correspondingly)</i></p> <p>There shall be a uniform playing system for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Team Championships</li> <li>- World Team Cup</li> <li>- Olympic Games Team Events</li> </ul> <p>as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Best of 5 matches (4 singles, 1 doubles)</li> <li>- The order of play shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A - Y</li> <li>2) B - X</li> <li>3) C - Z</li> <li>4) A - X</li> <li>5) Doubles B/C, B/D or C/D - Y/Z or Y/W or Z/W</li> </ul> </li> <li>- A team shall consist of 3 or 4 players.</li> <li>- In addition to the 3 players representing a team in singles (A, B, C and X, Y, Z) a 4<sup>th</sup> player (D or W respectively) may be nominated in doubles.</li> <li>- Each team can choose its own playing order and has to nominate it before the start of the match.</li> <li>- If one team nominates only 2 players, there is a free choice to put them in positions A and B (or X and Y respectively).</li> <li>- If both teams nominate only 2 players each, there shall be 2 singles and 1 doubles (A-X, B-Y, A/B-X/Y).</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>15</b></p> | <p><b><i>Proposed by the Executive Committee</i></b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 4.1.12.9</i></p> <p>4.1.12.9 <del>A representative of the city in which the Championships is held shall be entitled to hold until the next Championships the Egypt Cup, the symbol of the friendship of the Championships, handed over at the opening ceremony. At the closing ceremony the Egypt Cup, the symbol of the friendship of the Championships, shall be handed over to a representative of the city in which the next Championships will take place; this city shall hold the Egypt Cup until the next Championships.</del></p> <p><i>By this organizers of the NEXT World Championships would hold the Egypt Cup for about 1 year (up to now the previous organizer held this Cup after the Championships for 1 year).</i></p>  |

***Proposed by the Executive Committee***

*To split present sub-chapter 4.2. "World Cup" into "4.2 World Cup" and "4.5 World Team Cup"*

**4.2 WORLD CUP**

**4.2.1 Composition**

**4.2.1.1 Separate World Cup Tournaments for men and women will be held annually and each will be a singles competition.**

**4.2.1.2 The participants will consist of the current holder of the World Cup, the World Champion, the champion player or the strongest current player from each of the 6 continents, 1 player from the host Association, the top 8 players from the World Ranking List and 2 "wild card" selections. The number of players may be modified by the Executive Committee from time to time.**

**4.2.1.3 There shall not be more than 2 players from an Association unless a third is invited as a "wild card" selection. If the World Champion and the World Cup title holder is the same player, or the host Association has a player qualified as title holder or from the World Ranking, the available invitation place goes to the next highest eligible player on the World Ranking List.**

**4.2.1.4 Participants will be provided with free meals and accommodation from dinner on the evening before the start of the competition to breakfast on the morning after it ends; continental representatives will also be provided with free return travel tickets to the venue.**

**4.2.2 Authority**

**4.2.2.1 The ITTF shall be the sole owner of the World Cup title and tournaments.**

**4.2.2.2 An Association may be granted permission to organise the tournament; submission of an application to do so shall be regarded as implying knowledge and acceptance of these and all other applicable regulations.**

**4.2.2.3 Organisers shall not, without prior consent of the ITTF, delegate any of their authority nor make any contract or agreement with any other body, such as a Regional Association, a municipal authority or a sponsor.**

**4.2.2.4 Any agreement made between the organisers and any other body shall not conflict with nor derogate from the principle of these regulations; in case of any dispute the authority of the ITTF, as exercised through its representatives, shall be paramount.**

**4.2.2.5 The ITTF may enter into contracts with promoters or sponsors.**

- 4.2.3 Appointments**
- 4.2.3.1** For each tournament the ITTF Competition Department shall appoint a Tournament Director and a Competition Manager.
- 4.2.3.2** The Tournament Director shall be responsible to the ITTF Competition Department for ensuring observance of the conditions laid down for the tournament, including approval of the arrangements made by the organisers for ceremonies and presentations, protocol and seating arrangements at ceremonies and social functions and the presentation of play.
- 4.2.3.3** The Competition Manager shall be responsible to the ITTF for ensuring the adequacy of equipment and playing conditions, supervising the draw and scheduling matches.
- 4.2.4 Doping control**
- 4.2.4.1** Doping controls shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules (Chapter 5).
- 4.2.5 Playing System**
- 4.2.5.1** The playing system will be determined by the Executive Committee on recommendation by the Competition Department. The selected players and their associations will be informed of the playing system to be used in the prospectus at the same time as the issuance of the invitation to the participants.
- 4.2.6 Eligibility**
- 4.2.6.1** In addition to provisions of 3.8 players being eligible to represent an association other than the one they intend to represent, shall register with the ITTF, through this new association.
- 4.2.6.2** Such player shall not represent the new association before
  - 4.2.6.2.1** 3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered;
  - 4.2.6.2.2** 5 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 18 but at least 15 years of age when registered;
  - 4.2.6.2.3** 7 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 21 but at least 18 years of age when registered.
- 4.2.6.3** Players being 21 years of age or older will not be registered with the ITTF and will not be eligible to represent a new association at the World Cup.

- 4.5 WORLD TEAM CUP**
- 4.5.1 Composition**
- 4.5.1.1** The World Team Cup Tournament consisting of a men's and a women's team event will be held each odd numbered year.
- 4.5.1.2** In each event the 12 participating teams representing national associations will consist of the teams placing 1 to 7 at the preceding World Team Championships, a team of the host Association and 4 teams from Continental Federations not otherwise represented at the event.
- 4.5.1.3** If the team of the host Association is qualified by its ranking at the preceding World Team Championships then the team placing 8th at these World Team Championships shall participate.
- 4.5.1.4** Participants will be provided with free meals and accommodation from dinner on the evening before the start of the competition to breakfast on the morning after it ends.
- 4.5.2 Authority**
- 4.5.2.1** The ITTF shall be the sole owner of the World Team Cup title and tournament.
- 4.5.2.2** An Association may be granted permission to organise the tournament; submission of an application to do so shall be regarded as implying knowledge and acceptance of these and all other applicable regulations.
- 4.5.2.3** Organisers shall not, without prior consent of the ITTF, delegate any of their authority nor make any contract or agreement with any other body, such as a Regional Association, a municipal authority or a sponsor.
- 4.5.2.4** Any agreement made between the organisers and any other body shall not conflict with nor derogate from the principle of these regulations; in case of any dispute the authority of the ITTF, as exercised through its representatives, shall be paramount.
- 4.5.2.5** The ITTF may enter into contracts with promoters or sponsors.
- 4.5.3 Appointments**
- 4.5.3.1** For each tournament the ITTF Competition Department shall appoint a Tournament Director and a Competition Manager.
- 4.5.3.2** The Tournament Director shall be responsible to the ITTF Competition Department for ensuring observance of the conditions laid down for the tournament, including approval of the arrangements made by the organisers for ceremonies and presentations, protocol and seating arrangements at ceremonies and social functions and the presentation of play.
- 4.5.3.3** The Competition Manager shall be responsible to the ITTF for ensuring the adequacy of equipment and playing conditions, supervising the draw and scheduling matches.

- 4.5.4 Doping control**
- 4.5.4.1 Doping controls shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules (Chapter 5).**
- 4.5.5 Playing System**
- 4.5.5.1 The 4 teams from Continental Federations not qualified by their ranking at the preceding World Team Championships shall compete in an “Intercontinental Cup” played on round-robin.**
- 4.5.5.2 The winner of the “Intercontinental Cup” shall play a play-off match against the lowest seeded of the other 8 teams, other than the host association’s team. The winner of this play-off match shall promote to the event proper which shall be played on straight knock-out.**
- 4.5.5.3 Seeding shall be done according to the last available Team World Ranking.**
- 4.5.5.4 All team matches shall be played on the Olympic System with a maximum of 4 singles and 1 doubles according to 3.7.6.3.**
- 4.5.5.5 All individual matches of a team match shall be the best of 5 games.**
- 4.5.5.6 The playing system may be modified by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Competition Department. Any changes to the playing system will be informed to the participating associations in the prospectus at the time of issuance of the invitation to participate.**
- 4.5.6 Eligibility**
- 4.5.6.1 In addition to provisions of 3.8 players being eligible to represent an association other than the one they intend to represent, shall register with the ITTF, through this new association.**
- 4.5.6.2 Such player shall not represent the new association before**
  - 4.5.6.2.1 3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered;**
  - 4.5.6.2.2 5 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 18 but at least 15 years of age when registered;**
  - 4.5.6.2.3 7 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 21 but at least 18 years of age when registered.**
- 4.5.6.3 Players being 21 years of age or older will not be registered with the ITTF and will not be eligible to represent a new association at the World Team Cup.**

**Proposed by the Executive Committee & Sports Science Committee**

*To modify Handbook chapter 5 "ITTF Anti Doping Rules"*

The revised World Anti-Doping Code as accepted by the ITTF Executive Committee at its meeting held in Paris on 10/11 October 2008 with the provision that these rules have to be finally approved by the Board of Directors, shall be implemented in conformance with ITTF's responsibilities and in furtherance of ITTF's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in table tennis (see Annex 1).

*At the same time following sections of Handbook chapters 3 and 4 shall be modified accordingly:*

- *To add a new paragraph 3.2.6:*

**3.2.6 Doping control**

**3.2.6.1 All players participating in international competitions, including Junior competitions, shall be subject to in-competition testing by the ITTF, the player's National Association, and any other Anti-Doping Organisation responsible for testing at a competition in which they participate.**

- *To add a new paragraph 4.2.7 (World Cup):*

**4.2.7 Doping Control**

**4.2.7.1 Doping controls shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules (Chapter 5).**

- *To amend paragraph 4.4.11.1 (World Junior Championships):*

**4.4.11 Doping Control**

**4.4.11.1 Doping controls shall be carried out in accordance with ITTF Anti-Doping rules (Chapter 5).**

**Proposed by the Finnish Table Tennis Association**

*To implement a new System of Play at the World Team Championships 2010*

In short, it is suggested that, after the round robin competition and after the no. 1 and 2 teams have been seeded and the no. 3 and 4 teams have been drawn as until now, the rest of the teams have pre-determined places.

The intention of this proposal is

- to minimize the number of replays and
- to simplify the draw to one only, to that between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> team in each play-off.

Proposed Structure and Playing System:

1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1 "Division" System with 24 Teams in each of the top 3 Divisions and the rest of the teams to form the 4th Division.
- 1.2 The 1st Division is also the Championship Division.
- 1.3 In each of the top 3 Divisions there will be 4 Groups of 6 Teams.
- 1.4 The 4th Division will be comprised of all the rest of the teams divided in groups after the final entry is known, to maximize the number of matches played by each team.

2. PLAYING SYSTEM

- 2.1 In each of the top 3 Divisions the playing system will be identical.
- 2.2 Each group of 6 teams shall play a complete round robin competition (5 matches per team).
- 2.3 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: The order of play and the scheduling of the matches must be prepared in such a way as to avoid, whenever possible, the possibility of "pre-determining" results. All final round matches, as feasibly possible, must be significant for each competing team.
- 2.4 Following the complete round robin in each group, the winners of each group (4 teams) will move directly into the Quarter Finals round. They have a bye in the Round of 16 and seeded accordingly (Winner of Group "A" seeded 1st (position 1) winner of Group "B" seeded 2nd (position 2), winners of Groups "C" and "D" drawn in positions 3/4.

**2.5 The first Division (Diagram A)**

**2.5.1 The teams placing 2nd and 3rd in group A will come in positions 5 and 9 respectively in the bottom half. Similarly, teams placing 2nd and 3rd in group B will come in positions 5 and 9 respectively in the top half into the Round of 16 first.**

**2.5.2 The teams placing 2nd and 3rd in group C will come in positions 5 and 9 respectively to the opposite half of team C1 into the Round of 16 next.**

**2.5.3 The teams placing 2nd and 3rd in group D will come in positions 5 and 9 respectively to the opposite half of team D1 into the Round of 16 next.**

2.6 The teams placing 4th, 5th and 6th in the groups in the first Division (12 teams) will play-off for positions 13 to 24 with 4 “byes” to each of the teams placing 4th **(Diagram B).**

**2.7 In the 2nd and 3rd Division all teams will be seeded and placed in the draw as above according to the placing in the round robin competition (Diagram C).**

2.8 The play-off rounds (final draws) will be played according to the “progressive knock-out” system to determine all the final positions in order from 1 to 12 and from 13 to 24. (2nd Division: 25-36 and 37-48, 3rd Division: 49-60 and 61-72), except that there shall be no match for 3rd and 4th.

2.9 In the 4th Division, depending on the total number of entered teams, the teams shall be divided in groups (number of groups to be determined after the closing date for entry) in order to provide sufficient number of matches to each team. The teams would play first in groups and then a progressive knock-out system to determine all the positions. Every effort will be made to provide as many matches as possible per team.

2.10 The World Champion team could play a maximum of 9 matches and a minimum of 8 matches.

2.11 In 1st. Division all teams are guaranteed to play at least 7 matches, but most teams will play 8 or 9 matches. In the 2nd and 3rd Divisions most teams will play 9 matches, only teams with a “Bye” in round of 16 may have only 8 matches to play.

2.12 No. 1 overall (winner of 1st Division) shall be World Champion.

*(For graphic explanation see Annex 2!)*

Rationale:

At the World Team Championships 2008 in Guangzhou it proved out that, after the round robin competition, many matches in the play-off were replays from the round robin. The worst situation was in the women’s team competition for places 13-24, where as many as eight matches were replays from the previous round. This surely was frustrating for the players. Furthermore, it was evident that organizing meetings for many draws during a major competition are laborious.

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| <b>19</b> | <p><b><i>Proposed by the Chinese Table Tennis Association</i></b></p> <p><i>To modify Technical Leaflet T9 “Directives for Racket Controls”</i></p> <p>From 1 July 2009 ITTF shall conduct <del>only</del> after-the-match racket tests <b>to those players whose rackets fail in the before-the-match test</b>, with punitive consequences for failed tests.</p> <p>Rationale:<br/>This modification is aimed to protect the players and to avoid disqualifying them after a match is played. The competition organiser should always ensure the seriousness and impartiality of the competition and make every effort to maintain a healthy image of the sport. The principle of racket control should always be “prevention” other than “punishment”.<br/>Before-the-match tests could help to prevent disputes and embarrassing situation resulted from disqualifying players after the match.</p> <p><i>By this racket tests before the match would be re-introduced and after-the-match tests would be limited to players whose rackets fail at these before-the-match tests.</i></p> |
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## Resolutions to the Board of Directors 2009

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| <b>A</b> | <p><b><i>Proposed by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Constitution Working Group</i></b></p> <p><i>To appoint an “Audit Panel”</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors, on recommendation by the Executive Committee, shall appoint an Audit Panel composed of three financial experts to oversee the yearly Audit of the ITTF's Financial Statements.</p>  |
| <b>B</b> | <p><b><i>Proposed by the Rules Committee</i></b></p> <p><i>To try a new the Service Rule at a few selected tournaments on experimental basis.</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors is requested to select 4 ITTF Pro Tour events in 2009 at which the service rule 2.6.6 will be implemented in a modified way on experimental basis, so that the umpire <del>or</del> <b>AND</b> the assistant umpire can follow the correctness of the service.</p> <p><i>By this experimental rule change players would have to serve in front of their body.</i></p> |