

# Propositions to the AGM 2008

*2/3 majority required*

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>(prepared by the Constitution Review Working Group)</i></p> <p>To modify paragraph 1.5.2.1, to insert a new paragraph 1.5.2.2 and to renumber subsequent paragraphs.</p> <p>1.5.2.1 The Board shall consist of the President, <del>Deputy President</del>, Executive Vice-Presidents, <del>Continental Vice-Presidents</del> <b>Presidents of Continental Federations or their appointees</b> and 32 Continental representatives. <del>Chairmen of Committees and Commissions shall be co-opted as members of the Board at the first meeting of the Board following the AGM.</del></p> <p>1.5.2.2 <b>Chairmen of Committees and Commissions shall be invited to attend the AGM and the Board of Directors meetings as expert advisors without voting privileges.</b></p> <p><i>By this Committee and Commission Chairmen would not be co-opted as members of the Board of Directors but should act there as expert advisers.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the South African Table Tennis Board</b></p> <p>To modify paragraph 1.5.2.3, to insert a new paragraph 1.12.1.4 and to renumber subsequent paragraphs.</p> <p>1.5.2.3 The Board shall determine the terms of reference for Equipment, Media, Nominations, Ranking, Rules, Sports Science, Technical, Umpires &amp; Referees, as well as for the Athletes Commission, Junior Commission and <b>Veterans Commission</b>. 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.</p> <p>1.12.1.4 <b>A Veteran Commission to advise the Board on Veteran matters and to co-ordinate international veteran programmes including the World Veteran Championships. The Veteran Commission shall meet annually at the World Veteran Championships. The members of the Veteran Commission shall be appointed to ensure continental representation.</b></p> <p><i>By this the Existing Veterans Committee would be changed into a Veterans Commission to be described and explained at 1.12 "Other Appointments" .</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>That all text of the ITTF Handbook referring to the Olympic Commission be modified to <b>include</b> the <b>Paralympics</b>. That the word "<b>organising committee</b>" replaces the word "country" and "<b>Continental Federations Presidents or their designee</b>" replaces "Continental Vice Presidents".</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">4</p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b>  <b>(prepared by the Constitution Review Working Group)</b>  To modify paragraph 1.5.3.1</p> <p>1.5.3.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and <del>8</del> <b>6</b> Executive Vice-Presidents of which one shall be nominated by the President as Deputy President and another one shall be responsible for finance.</p> <p><i>By this the Executive Committee would be expanded to 9 members (President and 8 Executive Vice-Presidents).</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">5</p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b>  <b>(prepared by the Constitution Review Working Group)</b>  To delete paragraphs 1.5.4 and 1.6.3 and to modify paragraph 1.9.1</p> <p><del>1.5.4</del> An Executive Council shall initiate and review proposals for the development of table tennis, review membership applications and appoint special working groups assigned responsibilities for the development of table tennis.</p> <p><del>1.5.4.1</del> The Executive Council shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee and the Continental Vice-Presidents.</p> <p><del>1.5.4.2</del> The Executive Council shall meet at intervals of about 6 months when convened by the President.</p> <p><del>1.6.3</del> The AGM shall elect for each Continent a Continental Vice-President and Continental representatives nominated by that Continent. The number of Continental representatives, excluding the Continental Vice-President, shall be proportional to the number of its member Associations not in arrears (1.15.3.3) in that Continent and shall not exceed <del>32</del>.</p> <p>1.9.1 The Olympics Commission shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee, the <del>Continental Vice-Presidents</del> <b>Continental Federations Presidents or their designee</b> and a representative of the country organising <b>Organising Committee of</b> the next Olympic Games.</p> <p><i>By this the Executive Council and consequently the positions of Continental Vice-Presidents would be dissolved and Continental Federations should be represented at the Olympics Commission by their Presidents instead of ITTF Continental Vice-Presidents.</i></p>

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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>(prepared by the Constitution Review Working Group)</i></p> <p><i>To insert a new paragraph 1.10 "DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL" and to renumber subsequent paragraphs</i></p> <p><b>1.10 DEVELOPMENT &amp; CONTINENTAL COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>1.10.1</b> The Development &amp; Continental Council shall be composed of the President, the Executive Vice-President in charge of Development and the Presidents of Continental Federations or their designees.</p> <p><b>1.10.2</b> The Development &amp; Continental Council shall be responsible for the supervision of the development programme conducted in co-operation with Continental Federations.</p> <p><b>1.10.3</b> The Development &amp; Continental Council shall meet at the same occasion as the Olympic Commission.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>6A</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 1.10.11</i></p> <p><b>1.10.11</b> The Nominations Committee shall check the qualification and validity of nominations for office, shall supervise the allocation of nominees to Committees and shall recommend to the AGM the composition of Committees and Commissions; provided that sufficient number of female nominations is made for a committee, at least 25% of the <u>number of full members</u> <del>number</del> of that Committee or Commission should be selected out of female nominees.</p> <p><i>By this the requirement that a Committee or Commission should have at least 25% female members would be changed into 25% female <u>full</u> members.</i></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 2.4.3.1:</i></p> <p>2.4.3.1 Ordinary pimped rubber is a single layer of non-cellular <b>homogeneous</b> rubber, natural or synthetic, with pimples evenly distributed over its surface at a density of not less than 10 per sq. cm and not more than 30 per sq. cm.</p> <p>Explanation: The racket covering should be used as it has been authorised without any physical, chemical or other treatment (except normal wear) – changing or modifying playing properties, friction, outlook, colour, structure, surface, etc.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Finnish Table Tennis Association</b></p> <p><i>To delete paragraph 2.15 “The Expedite System” from the Laws of Table Tennis</i></p> <p><b>2.15 — THE EXPEDITE SYSTEM</b></p> <p><del>2.15.1 Except where both players or pairs have scored at least 9 points, the expedite system shall come into operation if a game is unfinished after 10 minutes’ play or at any earlier time at the request of both players or pairs.</del></p> <p><del>2.15.1.1 If the ball is in play when the time limit is reached, play shall be interrupted by the umpire and shall resume with service by the player who served in the rally that was interrupted.</del></p> <p><del>2.15.1.2 If the ball is not in play when the time limit is reached, play shall resume with service by the player who received in the immediately preceding rally.</del></p> <p><del>2.15.2 Thereafter, each player shall serve for 1 point in turn until the end of the game and if the receiving player or pair makes 13 returns the receiver shall score a point.</del></p> <p><del>2.15.3 Once introduced, the expedite system shall remain in operation until the end of the match.</del></p> <p>Justification: The modern play has advanced to a stage where this Law is not needed anymore. Very few players of today even know what is meant by stroke counting. Over 5.000 games were played in the Worlds in Zagreb in May 2007. The time was taken in each and every game, in vain. As far as it has been possible to establish, not one single game reached the time limit before the set score. The counter argument could be that there are still a few defensive players and when they meet the rule may be needed. That is true, but we surely can give these players the time they require as it happens extremely seldom and, before all, let’s free the umpires from the rather laborious and totally unnecessary timing of games.</p> <p><i>By this the time limit of 10 minutes per game after which the expedite system has to be applied (under certain conditions) would be eliminated.</i></p>

# Propositions to the Board of Directors 2008

*simple majority required*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify paragraph 3.2.1.3:</i></p> <p>3.2.1.3 The covering material on a side of the blade used for striking the ball shall be of a brand and type currently authorised by the ITTF and shall be attached to the blade so that the <b>supplier and brand names</b> and the ITTF logo <b>plus the ITTF number (when applied)</b> are clearly visible near the edge of the striking surface.</p> <p>Explanation: The supplier and brand names are sometimes written in fonts and sizes being difficult to read. To ease the identification of racket coverings for umpires an ITTF number is being gradually introduced on racket coverings. This number is positioned inside a rectangle together with the logo. Over time this may well become the most important identification.</p> <p><i>By this racket covers could be identified by assigned numbers.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Para Table Tennis Committee</b></p> <p><i>To modify the remark of paragraph 3.2.4.2:</i></p> <p>The current ITTF testing procedures in place before 25th May 2007 will continue until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 at junior events, <b>until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 for the para table tennis events</b> and until 1st September 2008 for all other events; as of these dates respectively new testing procedures and protocols will be implemented to detect harmful volatile solvents.</p> <p><i>By this the new testing methods for harmful volatile solvents of rackets would not be applied at the Paralympics 2008.</i></p>

**Proposed by the South African Table Tennis Board**

*To introduce a new paragraph (including sub-paragraphs) 4.5 "World Veterans Championships"*

**4.5.1 Authority for Organisation**

- 4.5.1.1** The title "World Veterans Championships", referred to in this Chapter as "Championships", shall be bestowed by the AGM on the championship events at a tournament organized by an Association entrusted with the task.
- 4.5.1.2** The closing date for applications to stage Championships shall be specified by the Executive Committee and notified to all Associations, giving at least 6 months' notice; applications shall be accepted only for the next 2 Championships
- 4.5.1.3** All applications shall be considered by the Executive Committee and shall be submitted to the Board, together with details on venues for the occasion in question.
- 4.5.1.4** Where necessary, the Board or the Executive Committee may ask one member of the Veteran Commission to visit the country of an Association applying for the right to organise the Championships to satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of the proposed playing and other arrangements; the cost of such visits shall be borne by that Association.
- 4.5.1.5** If, after an option has been granted, circumstances change in such a way as to be likely to prejudice the satisfactory conduct of the Championships, the option may be revoked by a 2/3 majority vote at the AGM preceding the Championships; between AGMs the Board of Directors shall have power to transfer the Championships or to take any other appropriate action.
- 4.5.2 Responsibilities of Organisers**
- 4.5.2.1** An Association granted the right to organise the Championships, hereafter referred to, as the "organisers" shall be responsible for conducting them in accordance with the Laws of Table Tennis, the Regulations for International Competitions and the Regulations for World Junior Championships, as modified or supplemented by any directives authorised by the Board of Directors.
- 4.5.2.2** The organisers shall provide accommodation and meals from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after the Championships end for
- 4.5.2.2.1** Members of the ITTF Executive Committee and the Veteran Commission;
- 4.5.2.2.2** up to 2 ITTF Committee or Commission Chairmen nominated by the Executive Committee;
- 4.5.2.2.3** International Umpires and Referees from other Associations invited in accordance with directives issued by the ITTF;
- 4.5.2.2.4** up to 3 members of the ITTF staff;
- 4.5.2.3** Organisers shall meet the cost of transport between the place of accommodation and the playing hall for those participants who

	<p>choose the full hospitality package offered by the Organizers.</p> <p><b>4.5.2.4</b> Organisers shall request their national authorities to waive visa charges for all participants.</p> <p><b>4.5.2.5</b> Organisers shall ensure free access to the playing hall and free circulation therein for all the players, officials and members listed in 4.5.2.2, for any additional players and ITTF officials and for any interpreter, doctor or medical adviser appointed by the ITTF.</p> <p><b>4.5.2.6</b> Organisers shall provide the ITTF with offices at the venue of the Championships and place at its disposal translation, computer, internet, telephone, telefax and duplicating facilities.</p> <p><b>4.5.2.7</b> Organisers shall publish a prospectus giving the main details of the organization of the Championships, including</p> <p><b>4.5.2.7.1</b> the dates and place of the Championships;</p> <p><b>4.5.2.7.2</b> the events to be held;</p> <p><b>4.5.2.7.3</b> the equipment to be used;</p> <p><b>4.5.2.7.4</b> the procedure for entry, the entry fees and the undertakings required;</p> <p><b>4.5.2.7.5</b> the date and place of the draw;</p> <p><b>4.5.2.7.6</b> the dates of Jury meetings;</p> <p><b>4.5.2.7.7</b> the extent of hospitality for players and officials;</p> <p><b>4.5.2.7.8</b> any directives authorized by the Board of Directors for the Championships.</p> <p><b>4.5.2.8</b> During the Championships the organizers shall make available promptly to members of the ITTF Executive Council, Board of Directors members and team captains details of results, including points scores; as soon as possible after the completion of the Championships the organizers shall publish the complete results, including points scores, and circulate them to all Associations.</p> <p><b>4.5.3</b> Eligibility</p> <p><b>4.5.3.1</b> Only an Association which is not in arrears (1.16.3.3) shall be eligible to enter teams or individual players in the Championships.</p> <p><b>4.5.3.2</b> All players nominated by an Association must be eligible to represent it in accordance with the provisions of 3.8 and must meet the age qualification requirements for each event.</p> <p><b>4.5.4</b> Entry Fees</p> <p><b>4.5.4.1</b> The entry fees shall be \$50 for each pair in a doubles event and \$ 25 for each entry in a singles event.</p> <p><b>4.5.4.2</b> The entry fees shall be paid to the organizers at the time of entry and shall be shared between the organizers and the ITTF with the organizers retaining 90% of the fee.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">12</p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b></p> <p><i>To insert a new paragraph 3.8.7 (present 3.8.7 and 3.8.8 to be renumbered):</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>3.8.7 <u>In addition</u>, for ITTF World Title events, a player who was eligible to represent an association other than the one he wishes to represent, shall register with the ITTF, through this new association.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>3.8.7.1 The player shall not represent the new association before.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>3.8.7.1.1 3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered;</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>3.8.7.1.2 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;</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>3.8.7.1.3 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</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>3.8.7.2 If the player is 21 years of age or older he will not be registered with the ITTF and will not be eligible to represent a new association at World Title events.</b></p> <p><i>This would introduce an additional eligibility clause for World title events, relating to the age of the player concerned.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">13</p>	<p><b>Proposed by the Swiss Table Tennis Association</b></p> <p><i>To introduce an additional sub-paragraph in 3.8 "International Eligibility".</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>A player representing an Association in World Championships must have been licensed (member) of that Association in the last 5 preceding years.</b></p> <p>Motivation:</p> <p>Within the ITTF many associations actively develop young table tennis talents for their national teams. A global and extensive development represents the interest of the ITTF to improve the popularization of table tennis worldwide.</p> <p>Hence, results of a national team should reflect the quality of the activities in developing young talents rather than of national naturalization. Therefore we judge it necessary that an athlete representing a national team in World Championships must have been licensed for that nation during at least the last 5 preceding years.</p> <p>Sudden changes of nationality with regard to participation at World Championships could lead not only to a loss of public interest but also to decreasing local efforts to invest into young talent developments.</p> <p>With this regulation the current naturalization practice of several countries would be neutralized and would guarantee an effective interest of every nation to enable the sport of table tennis to reach its full potential.</p> <p><i>This would bring in an additional condition for eligibility in World Championships.</i></p>

**Proposed by the Table Tennis Association of Haiti**

**To carry out the draw of World Team Championships at least 30 days before the start of the events.**

Arguments:

- Each Team (country) will be able to have a better preparation.
- Better competing strategy and planning can be elaborated by all Teams.
- Better Performance will take place, based on the facts that a Team does not step in the "unknown" in just one day or two, but has also time to envision the future, and to dream.
- The possibility for a National Team to do propaganda about its participation at the World Competition by using specific dates, competitors names that will facilitate the national audience (table tennis fans and others) to be curious, and engaged in an unprecedented way.

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By having each Team focus on the task at hand at a World Competition, before even leaving their homeland will make quite a difference in performance. Responsibility and motivation to have great results will have new meaning.

The critical arguments, for sure, about this measure are:

- It will generate *greater interest to know players, Teams, Countries that constitute the World Table Tennis Family.*
- It will bring *the awareness of the existence of any country affiliated at the International Federation (ITTF), and, importantly, put at the forefront the relevance of National Champions of any country.*

Really, this measure is about putting World Team Competition Draw in contextual dynamics that will be great for our sport. It is a good approach to allow *preparation of Athletes and Competition strategy for Teams* to be more effective. Also, there will be no more brief circumstances in World Competition that allow forgettable encounters between players or Teams. Let each Association or Federation become, continuously, aware and curious about each other more.