



INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE
A Standing Committee of the International Paralympic Committee

AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL TABLE TENNIS ASSEMBLY

A G E N D A

A meeting of the Africa-Middle East regional table tennis assembly will be held on a date and time to be determined between 2 and 7 September 2003 during the Regional Championships at a place to be advised by the IPTTC technical delegate.

MEMBERS: all nations widely practising table tennis: Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syria

Please note: the nations widely practising table tennis must also be in good standing with the IPC in order to participate in this meeting.

CHAIRPERSON: Alison Burchell (acting IPTTC regional representative)

WELCOME, REGISTER AND APOLOGIES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 19 August 2002.
2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
3. **IPTTC REPORT:** the Assembly is asked to note the report presented by the Chairperson including the issue of a per diem allowance for officials appointed for regional championships.
4. **REGIONAL REPORT:** the Assembly is asked to note the report presented by the Chairperson.
5. **ELECTION OF A REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE 2003 – 2005:** the resolution taken at the assembly held in October 2000 in Sydney was that the regional representatives should be elected at the regional championships starting the year after the Sydney Paralympic Games for a four-year term of office. Voting for these positions should be by that region's national members and not by the whole world.

The IPTTC has called for nominations, through the IPC Headquarters, and will, if possible circulate the nominations received prior to this Assembly.

The Chairperson will table a job description for the regional representative which will include the ideal candidate being:

- a) committed to serving table tennis in the region from now until the next regional elections in 2005;
- b) in serving table tennis, to be committed to the further development of the sport in all countries in the region and in all aspects (coaching, player development, administration, refereeing, technical delegates, classifiers);
- c) able to communicate in English as this is the official language of the IPC and IPTTC;

d) able to develop good communication with all countries in the region and with the IPTTC.

The Assembly is asked to note that the voting procedures will be as follows:

- i) the voting be conducted by secret ballot on forms supplied by the secretary of the General Assembly;
- ii) the Assembly will appoint independent scrutineers to count the votes – independent meaning not being a candidate;
- iii) the nominee polling the highest number of votes will be declared elected;
- iv) should there be an equality of votes, there will be a re-vote for the relevant two nominees to break the tie;
- v) the result will be declared (without revealing the number of votes polled by each candidate) by the Chairperson;
- vi) once the election results have been declared, the Assembly will give permission for the ballots to be destroyed.

6. ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE FUTURE: the Assembly is asked to confirm that the above procedures will be used in future elections for its regional representative.

7. FUTURE BIDS: the Assembly is asked to note the procedure set out by the Chairperson to be followed when submitting a bid to host:

- 7.1 regional team cup 2004;
- 7.2 the regional championships 2005;
- 7.3 world championships 2006.

8. ATHENS PARALYMPIC GAMES 2004: in relation to the report on the Athens Paralympic Games 2004, the Assembly is asked to note the following report:

- o the Games will take place from 17 to 28 September 2004 with the Opening Ceremony on 17 September 2004 and the Closing Ceremony on 28 September 2004;
- o table tennis events will take place from 18 to 27 September 2004 at the Galatsi Olympic Centre with 22 September 2004 being a rest day at which time the Assembly will take place;
- o the draw will take place on 16 September 2004;
- o the team events will be men's classes 1 – 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - 7, 8, 9 and 10, women's classes 1 – 3, 4 – 5 and 6 – 10;
- o the singles events will be men's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and women's classes 1 – 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 – 8, 9, 10 and 11;
- o class 11 will be a demonstration event for the 2004 Paralympic Games;
- o there will be 240 athletes of which 174 would be men and 66 women, 94 sitting and 80 standing men, 40 sitting and 26 standing women;
- o 60% or 144 athletes will be selected from the ranking lists, 30% or 72 from regional championships and 10% or 24 from wild cards of which a maximum of four will be for the host nation;
- o each match will be the best of five sets on a knock-out basis;
- o for the 30 medal ceremonies, the gold medal will be silver with gold gilt, silver will be a silver medal and bronze with bronze gilt all with flowers and a certificate;
- o the venue will be complete in September 2003, four months ahead of schedule;
- o there will be 12 competitions tables, four for standing and eight for sitting;

- the tables and equipment will be Joolla (blue) with a taraflex floor;
- the balls will be Double Happiness three star white;
- there will be an exhibition event for 12 athletes in class 11.

9. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 2004: the Assembly is asked to note the information presented by the Selection Officer about the selection process for the Paralympic Games.

10. OTHER BUSINESS



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ENQUIRIES: should you have any questions about the above, please feel free to contact the following:

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