INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE

SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Women class 1-2: the first 3 alternates were selected according to ranking (all were class 2). This had the effect of adding 2 teams in BRA and IRL.

Women class 3: the first alternate was selected. France did not request any wild card or TTP and IRL had an alternate selected in class 1-2 to make a team so our requirement to use a WC or TTP to make a team was not necessary. Thus WC/TTP applications were considered for VEN (no team in the event), CZE (make a team in class 5) and CHN (make a team in class 1-3). Selecting CHN meant changing the team in class 4 (selected Zhou moved to class 5) to one in class 1-3 so promoting the more severely disabled. CHN (Li) is younger than IRL (McCarron).

Women class 4: first alternate selected according to ranking. This did not have an impact on teams and with moving CHN from 4 to team 1-3 enabled the quota of teams to be made for class 4. A wild card for SUI was allocated as the host nation. On objective ranking, the alternate was selected after a long debate about SLO where the player had had a baby in 2005 although she was likely to be a very good player. ITA was silver medal team in Europe.

Women class 5: the two first alternates were selected according to ranking. POL enabled an alternate team and ARG had no effect on the team selection where the quota had been met.

Women class 6-7: (class 6 more severely disabled) all 4 alternates were selected with POL getting a wild card to make the event quota.

Women class 8: the first alternate was selected also making a team for POL together with the alternates in class 6-7 to make 5 teams (adding POL and NED) in class 6-8 which is less than the quota of 6 teams.

***Women class 9**:* the first alternate was selected which also added a CZE team for the team class 9-10.

***Women 10**:* a TTP was allocated to RUS to make a team in class 9-10. The CZE first alternate was not selected as CZE had already got a team with the alternate selected in class 9. RUS was also the silver medal team in Europe.

***Men class 1**:* the first 2 alternates were selected. A TTP was allocated to SUI as the host nation which also made a team.

***Men class 2**:* the first 2 alternates were selected with no need to add teams as the quota had been met. A WC was given to ISL for a good young player, to SUI as host nation, and KUW to add another nation participating in the event.

***Men class 3**:* the first alternate was selected also adding a team in class 4. ARG (a good young player) was allocated a WC and SLO a TTP to make a team in class 3 for 7 teams which was less than the quota of 8. GBR and KOR's alternates became special alternates as both already had 3 players each in this class. BEL (in M4) and ITA (in M5) had already a selected team.
GRE (no players but from Europe which had over 60% of the players)

***Men class 4**:* the first 2 alternates were selected adding 1 team which was less than the quota. VEN was allocated a WC as the only applicant for this class.

***Men class 5**:* ITA alternate is not selected as there was no application for WC/TTP, moreover, ITA had already a team in M5 with a player class 4. The two next alternates were selected. NOR was allocated a TTP to make a team and IRQ as a WC to add another nation to the event.

***Men class 6**:* the first 2 alternates were selected resulting in 1 team being added to increase to 5 teams where 6 were allocated. WC allocated to CRC as a young player (only 1 other player in the event) and GBR with another young player making a team in class 7. BRA (third alternate) was not considered due to his age and selection not making a team.

***Men class 7**:* the first 2 alternates were selected resulting in teams in class 7 and in class 8.

***Men class 8**:* the first alternate from RSA was selected. A WC was allocated to CAN to add another nation to the event. WC/TTP applications were considered for CIV (no ranking points so not possible for selection), JOR (already had players in the event), POL (low ranking and already had players), ROM (no players but from Europe which had over 60% of the players) and SWE (low ranking and already had players).

***Men class 9**:* CRO was allocated a TTP to make a team with the player who was second alternate. FRA already had 2 players in this class and this would not have an impact on teams. MAS was allocated a WC to add another nation to the event. Applications for WC/TTP were considered from CAN (low ranking and more important to have MAS as CAN had already a WC in M8), ISR (low ranking and already had players in the event), MOR (no players but with a very low ranking was not a good option) and VEN (already allocated 2 WC which was exceptional).

***Men class 10**:* the only alternate was selected adding a team to class 10. ESP was allocated a TTP to make another team. GRE (no players but from Europe which had over 60% of the players)

***General principles**:*

1. IRQ was accepted although the application was late in recognition of their special circumstances.

2. If a player is selected via the WC or TTP system, they are treated subsequently as players selected with the same rights as the other players.

3. The priority was given to selection to make teams where necessary preferably with players in the same class then with players in different classes.

4. Younger players were considered as we need to lower the age profile where possible (several players selected since 1992).

5. A limit had to be set to considering “exceptional circumstances” (illness, pregnancy, accident,…) as the list could be endless. This may need to be reviewed in future and can be solved by introduction of the Rating system.

6. Where possible, regions other than Europe were considered to begin to move to the IPC’s targets for 2008 as well as develop the sport.

7. Proposition of one or two new alternates in classes where no alternates staying on the list after WC/TTP allocations.

8. Not any change on the Team allocations shall be accepted.

9. In Team events, in the 3 classes (TF1-3, TF5, TM7) where we are over quota, the alternate teams can enter in the competition only if a selected team in absent on the WC.

Selection Committee Members :

Vincent BOURY – Athlete Representative
Gaël MARZIOU – Ranking Director
Leandro OLVECH – Deputy Technical Delegate in Montreux 2006
Alison BURCHELL – Africa Representative instead of Finn NILSEN (RSA) member of the Selection Committee as Advisers Representative.
Nico VERSPEELT – Selection Officer

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