

Dear ITTF-ParaTT Executive Board,

Over recent months a large number of players have voiced their concern over a number of new regulations that have been implemented this year in 2009. The playing time of all competitions has been seriously compromised resulting in a very much reduced number of matches for many players. There is now a new Players' Committee formed in order to deal with these matters. They have asked me as the players' representative to request an urgent meeting with key members of the Executive Board to raise a number of points. I do think it would be in your best interests to hear these concerns before the Executive Board meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June.

The principal subject we would like to discuss is: the lack of communication between the Executive Board and the players which have brought the following points of contention to a very high level of discontent among all players. This has resulted in a series of players meetings and petitions against these new rules namely:

- **the KO system in the team event being imposed on all competitions Factor 20, 40 and 50.** It has been noted that in the regulations for the Regional Championships it states:

*2.3.2.3.6.1.5 All regional championships must use the same event format as the following world championships or Paralympics Games. **The ITTF- PTT Selection Officer may decide on another format for regional championships in exceptional circumstances.***

**The players would like this clause to be applied for the Regional Championships in Genoa and other Regional championships and the Team event be restored to round robin in the first round and KO only thereafter.**

- **Service Rule.** These new regulations were applied in Romania with mixed reactions so we would like to offer our viewpoints;
- **Classification.** The subjects that are wanted to be discussed under this heading are:
  - Protests should be allowed in every tournament regardless of factor and subsequent decisions be put into action **immediately** following the protest;
  - Classifiers to have once again the power to take responsibility in their decisions;
  - Classification to be restored in ALL competitions.

- **Team event.** Combined countries can play without restrictions of World Ranking Order;
- **Singles Event.** Single events in WC and Paralympics to have groups of 4 (or 3 when necessary) but the first TWO to go forward;
- **Factor 40 competitions.** What criteria has been used to assure that the venues for Factor 40 have in fact raised their quality assuring players of a higher quality competition with the best facilities. Is there a penalty system in place whereby countries who do not offer the minimum quality facilities can be penalized?
- Regarding the Technical Delegate's reports from each tournament it is very important that these reports are posted on the site within TWO weeks of every tournament. Also there is an opportunity and modality for countries/players to also be able to comment on tournaments;
- We would also like to suggest changes for the World Ranking Points in the Team Event to be changed to the following;

| Class 1/6 | Class 2/7 | Class 3/8 | Class 4/9 | Class 5/10 |
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| 0.5 WRP   | 0.75 WRP  | 1 WRP     | 1.25 WRP  | 1.5 WRP    |

- Finally the players would like to ask what advantages were foreseen by the IPTTC for the amalgamation of the IPTTC with ITTF. There are distinct fears that this amalgamation with the ITTF has not been clearly thought out or discussed fully with members of the IPTTC and will be to the detriment of all ideals that the IPTTC has upheld in the past years.

Thank you very much

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 On behalf of the  
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