

**Petitions against New Rules for Factor 20/40 competitions and Regional Championships  
in 2009 regarding the KO System in the Team event and against the decision  
regarding the New Service Rule**

In the Slovakian Open 2009, Festival 21-26 April, a Players meeting took place in the lobby of the Maj Hotel on Thursday 23 April chaired by Vincent Boury, the ITTF-Para TT Players Representative. It was decided to circulate two petitions against new rules established in the ITTF-PTT Rules and Regulations. 7<sup>th</sup> edition – February 2009 concerning:

1. The KO system for the team event in all competitions in 2009;
2. The new service rule regarding wheelchair players which is set to be tested in Romania in May and in Argentina in November.

Copies of the completed petitions will be sent to Oivind Eriksen, Nico Versteelt, Jiri Danek and the ITTF Headquarters. The petitions were signed by the following countries who participated in the Slovakia Open – players and coaches putting their signature. Other countries have stated their support and have handed in their petitions at Slovenia. An updated report from there and from Romania will follow.

Country	KO System Petition Signatures	Service Rule Signatures		Country	KO System Petition Signatures	Service Rule Signatures
Austria	12	10		Italy	9	9
Belgium	5	5		Japan	7	4
Brazil	Team Leader for all players	-		Korea	6	-
Canada	2	2		Netherlands	3	3
Croatia	7	7		Norway	1	1
Czech Republic	10	-		Poland	10	6
Denmark	4	-		Romania	4	4
Germany	5	4		Russia	14	15
Great Britain	17	15		Spain	5	3
Hong Kong	2	-		Sweden	14	14
Iceland	3	2				
<b>Total countries 21 Signatures -KO system = 141 Signatures -Service rule = 104</b>						