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ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR ALL PLAYERS, TEAM MANAGERS, TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS, TECHNICAL DELEGATES AND REFEREES

Following the meeting of the Para Table Tennis Division held from 29 to 31 January 2010, the PTT Division would like to draw your attention to various important decisions so that you can make any arrangements necessary as soon as possible and adjust your planning.

1. Due to many comments received on the format of events, the PTT Division decided that, with immediate effect, in Fa20 and Fa40:
 - 1.1 the open will be the best of 3 games in the knock out or first phase;
 - 1.2 the open will be the best of 5 games in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final;
 - 1.3 in the team event, the round robin should give priority to groups of 3 and should be the best of 3 games;
 - 1.4 in the team event, the knock out phase would be the best of 3 *or* 5 games as decided by the referee depending on time available for play.

This has been done to ensure as many matches are played within the time available so the PTT Division can balance this with not extending the length of tournaments leading to additional cost for all concerned.

2. The PTT Division also decided that for all competitions, with immediate effect, no bonus points will be allocated for a medal won in the open or for wins against a player in a higher class but no changes will be made to bonus points in the singles.
3. In relation to the world ranking list and ranking points, the PTT Division also decided that its previous decision should be rescinded. The actual decision, which no longer applies, is: *following the World Championships, the remaining tournaments in 2010 would count towards points on the ranking list and so 3.2.4 should be amended such that ranking points gained at tournaments organised in the year of the World Championships and of the Paralympic Games, but after those tournaments, would count as ranking points until 31 December the year after i.e. tournaments organised after 1 November 2010 would remain on the ranking list until 31 December 2011.* The status of ranking points therefore remains the same.
4. The review of the sitting classes will take place at the World Championships to take place in Korea. As was done in 2002, all players will be invited for classification and will be expected to cooperate fully with the classifiers. Players should bring their wheelchairs and prosthetic devices, their rackets and should be wearing their competition clothing. The results of the classification will be submitted to players after the World Championships so as not to disrupt their focus on the event. *Please note that should the classifiers ascertain that a player is not cooperating fully, this will have dire consequences for the player.*
5. **PLEASE NOTE:** that the dates of the World Championships have changed. They are now 25 October to 3 November 2010. Unfortunately, the Formula One takes precedence.
6. The qualification guide for the London 2010 Paralympic Games has now been released for table tennis.