



2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES

TOURNAMENT CREDIT

Starting with the formal transfer of Para Table Tennis to the ITTF with effect from 1 July 2007, integration of players with a disability has been an ongoing goal for the ITTF and its member associations. Working on the basis that within the competition structure, there is a parallel system in operation mainly due to logistical constraints for both able-bodied and PTT events being held simultaneously. Within this parallel system, there is recognition of the promotional aspects of having players with a disability being able to compete in able-bodied events as well as PTT events. For a number of years, a small number of PTT players has been competing in ITTF world tour events and this is to be encouraged while not neglecting the promotion of PTT events by these players through ongoing involvement.

Taking the above into consideration, the PTT Division has decided to recognise ITTF world tour events in which players with a disability compete as contributing to achieving the tournament credit for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games. This will come into effect on 1 July 2014. Therefore, A player who competes in:

- a world tour event which takes place within 4 days of a PTT event will accumulate the full number of tournament credit points for that PTT event. For example, if a player competes in the ITTF Korea Open at the same time as or within 4 days of the PTT Copa Tango, the player will get 20 points. If a player competes in the ITTF Qatar Open at the same time as or within 4 days of the PTT Slovakia Open, the player will get 40 points. Note: these are examples for events which have already taken place.
- a junior circuit event which takes place within 4 days of a PTT event will accumulate 10 points regardless of the rating factor of the PTT event.
- a continental event which takes place within 4 days of a PTT continental event will accumulate 50 points. However, if the player competes in both the ITTF and PTT continental events which are run back-to-back (i.e. are planned in the same city on almost the same dates), the player will only accumulate 50 points for competing in the PTT continental championships.
- a world tour or junior circuit event which does not take place at the same time as or within 4 days of a PTT event, the player will accumulate 10 tournament credit points per event.
- any ITTF event which takes place at the same time as or within 4 days of a PTT event outside his or her continent, the player will not earn any additional tournament credit points.
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Please note that the world tour and junior circuit events are published on http://www.ittf.com/front_page/ittf2.asp?category=pt_calendar.

Please note that if a player only participates in world tour events, he or she may be reflected as inactive on the PTT rating system and this could materially affect that player's ability to compete in the world championships and/or Paralympic Games. In addition, the player's rating will not be accurate for the purposes of seeding.

Should you have any questions about this, please contact the selection officer nico.verspeelt@skynet.be. In all instances where there is a question, please ensure that you contact the selection officer to resolve the matter as soon as possible as no correspondence will be entertained after 15 January 2016 on this matter.