



**INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
PARA-TABLE TENNIS DIVISION**

Para-TT Players' Committee – Terms of reference

Mission statement

- be the true voice for athletes from all countries;
- represent the best interests of current and future Para- TT athletes;
- keep the athletes informed at all times with current news and talking points;
- create a forum whereby players can state their viewpoints, concerns and suggestions in order;
- put forward all players' suggestions and concerns to the PTT Division even if a different opinion is held by the members of the Players' Committee;
- advocate for safe playing conditions and adequate accommodation at all tournaments.

Objectives

- act as good role models advocating fair play, no doping, no cheating;
- inspire and motivate athletes' involvement and participation in Para-TT;
- organize players' open meetings at certain competitions annually in order to encourage viewpoints and concerns regarding anything to do with Para-TT;
- be prepared to convene an unscheduled players' meeting, where possible, if an urgent problem arises;
- maintain a high focus on improving quality in tournaments including accessibility and classification issues;
- work on the improvement of sport values and respect;
- encourage participation from the 1-2 classes, female players and developing countries;
- promote integrated sport for disabled athletes
- advocate for equal recognition and prizes in comparison with able-bodied table tennis;
- maintain a high democratic profile in the Committee without displaying any prejudice nor promoting self-interest

Composition

- The Players' Committee comprises 6-8 members representing the 5 regions of the world.
- The members are elected during the ITTF PTT World Championships, Paralympic Games and during the Regional Championships. Two members are elected during the World Championships and one member of the ITTF Athletes' Commission who will also be a member of the Committee. During the Regional Championships 5 members are elected, 1 from each region.
- A national association may only nominate 1 player for election during the World Championships, Regional Championships or Paralympic Games (note this means that 2 players could be from the same association if 1 is elected during the World Championships)
- The term of office is 2 years except for the ITTF Athletes' Commission representative who shall serve 4 years in line with the terms of reference of the ITTF Athletes' Commission. Players may stand for re-election. If a member is inactive for a period of 3 months, he/she may be replaced after 1 year a majority vote of the PC members after the member has been given an opportunity to explain his/her inactivity and after the PTT Division has considered this recommendation.

- If a member resigns for any reason he/she may be replaced by a majority vote of the PC members and after the PTT Division has considered this recommendation.
- If a member does not fulfil his/her duties or is guilty of a serious breach of misconduct he/she can be replaced by a majority vote of the PC members and after the PTT Division has considered this recommendation.

Elections

- Para-TT organises the election at the World Championships (WC), Paralympic Games and the Regional Championships.
- Relevant information must be sent by the Division to all NAs in due time.

Eligibility for election

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a) must be nominated by his/her NA prior to the World Championships/Paralympic Games/Regional Championships where the election takes place
- b) must be 16 years of age at the time the election takes place
- c) must not have been sanctioned for a doping or cheating offence (illegal betting, corruption or cheating in classification).
- d) a NA may nominate only one candidate for each election.
- f) may be a retired player for any period up to 4 years prior to the election.

The nomination must include the following documents and be received by the Para-TT by the date set in the invitation:

- aa) a nomination form, duly signed by the candidate and the President of his/her NA
- bb) a complete biography form
- cc) a recent passport photo

Election process

- i) Electorate: all athletes taking part in the World Championships, Paralympic Games or Regional Championships, as the case may be, have the right to vote
 - ii) Information: Para-TT will publish an election leaflet which presents all the candidates and gives general information on the elections (dates, locations, voting procedure etc.)
 - iii) Voting procedure:
 - each player has one vote
 - the vote must be exercised in person and by secret ballot
 - abstentions, blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the poll.
- Elected athletes: the candidates who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Players' Committee.
 - Tie: in case of a tie, preference is given:
 - to a candidate of a continent not yet represented
 - to a candidate to balance gender equity
 - finally to the highest ranked candidate in the ITTF PTT World Ranking.

Appointed member

If class 11 is not represented in the membership of the PC, the Division may decide to appoint an advisor dealing with class 11 issues.

Chairperson

He /she will be chosen by the newly elected Players' Committee.

Representation in the PTT Division

The Chair of the Players' Committee or his/her representative and the Athletes' Commission representative are voting members of the Division.

Meetings

The Players' Committee may meet at least once a year at a pre-designated competition and PC members may hold open meetings at their Regional Championships every two years. The Division is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the PC is able to meet and encourages athletes to attend any open meetings proposed. The working language of the Para-TT Players' Committee is English.

Travel

The PTT Division is responsible, within its means, for 100% of the cost of a prepaid ticket or the agreed economy class fare for those PC members who are not participants at the competition of the official meeting per year from the member's home city to the designated meeting site.

The PTT Division is responsible, within its means, for providing all members who are not participants at the competition full board accommodation for the official dates stated in the invitation to the meeting up to a maximum of 3 days.

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