

ANSWERS TO THE FORUM QUESTIONS

Athens 2004	
Total slots	240
Men slots	174
Women slots	66
Medal slots	28
Men slots	17
Women slots	11
Single M slots	10
Single F slots	7
Team M slots	7
Team F slots	3
Number of tables	12
Playing hours	10-20
S. playing days	4
T. playing days	5

Beijing 2008			Differences
Total slots	264		+ 24
Men slots	168		- 6
Women slots	96		+ 30
Medal slots	24		- 4
Men slots	13		- 4
Women slots	11		=
Single M slots	8		- 2
Single F slots	8		+ 1
Team M slots	5		- 2
Team F slots	3		=
Number of tables	8		- 4
Playing hours	10-14		
	16-21		- 1
S. playing days	5		+ 1
T. playing days	4		- 1

Less men than in Athens, much more women than in Athens: this was imposed by IPC's guidelines.

Less medal events than in Athens: required by IPC

12 tables in Athens every day versus 8 tables for RR till ½ finals – for Bronze and Final only 2 tables. This was imposed by the OC.

In Athens 10 playing hours versus 9 playing hours in two sessions

One day more needed for single events

One day less for team events

Consequences :

1. Reduction of matches in single events - only the first top winner go over to the second stage

2. Reduction of medal events = combination of classes – 4/5 and 9/10 and not 1/2 and 6/7 - protection of severe disabled, except in women as we don't have enough ladies 1 and 63. Reduction of 50% of the team matches = direct eliminations

Comments :

1. Unfortunately, the current ranking system does not give guarantees of a good seeding – the two best players can be seeded in a same group – how can we change this bad situation?
2. To adapt the ranking system to a rating system that gives positions by quality of playing and not longer to positions by money and time possibilities!

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