



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
Headquarters, Operations and Olympic/Paralympic Games

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To: **National Associations**
Subject: **2018 World Para TT Championships:
selections, wild card applications and general information**

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, the 2018 World Para Table Tennis Championships (singles events) will be held in Lasko – Celje, Slovenia, from 15th to 21st October 2018.

Attached to this communication, you will receive a Microsoft Excel[®] file with 21 sheets (10 for women, 11 for men) with the qualified athletes and reserves: **2018_ITTF_WPTTC_Selections.xlsx**

Also attached you will receive another Microsoft Excel[®] file to put forward your applications for Wild Card quotas: **2018_ITTF_WPTTC_Wild_Card_request.xlsx**

The file has a form for two applications, but you can apply for as many wild cards as you consider appropriate. Please note that you should put your wild card request in priority order (first file for your will card request 1 & 2, second for your request 3 & 4... and always indicating clearly the order).

Each national association is requested to confirm the acceptance or rejection of the qualification quotas and the alternates, as well as to send their Wild Card applications no later **Thursday 15th March 2018**. Please note that the files shall be submitted from the official email address of the respective national association and signed by the National Association President, Secretary General or equivalent or the National Association Para Table Tennis Chairperson.

Once the deadline is passed, a "Selection Committee" will be formed, in a similar way to previous major Para TT events, to determine the allocation of the Wild Cards. The Selection Committee will meet in May 2018 (precise date to be decided) and it will be composed by:

- The ITTF Executive Vice-President in charge of Para Table Tennis or her appointee
- The ITTF Para Table Tennis Committee Chair or her appointee
- The ITTF Para Table Tennis Selection Officer or his appointee
- A representative of the ITTF Athletes Commission
- The ITTF Secretary General or his appointee

When the Selection Committee will meet, the following issues will be taken in to consideration:

- 1) In 2017, no African Para Championships was held, as there was no application received to host the event fulfilling the necessary requirements
- 2) Since 1st January 2018, the new ITTF Para Table Tennis Classification Code is in place, in the effort of the ITTF to align the ITTF Classification principles with the requirements of the International Paralympic Committee.

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The ITTF Selection Committee will carefully review the Wild Card applications received, and there is the possibility that some classes may end having more, and some classes may end having less quotas than originally planned when the qualification period started in 2016.

Note that, particularly for Africa, it is the ITTF Executive Committee decision that the requirements of Tournament Credit System will be relaxed, in order to ensure universality.

Note also that if a selected or alternate player is marked as "Rn" (Review needed), he/she must comply with a mandatory re-evaluation in one of the three special re-evaluation events scheduled in 2018 (Slovenia Open, USA Open or China Open). No player will be allowed to compete at the WPTTC with the status "Rn".

In case of re-classification, the athlete will be moved to the new class with immediate effect and will compete in the new class at the World Championships if fulfilling the necessary eligibility criteria.

Players marked as "R" or "Rxxxx" should be reviewed during or after the World Championships.

In the coming days, reviewed documents "Selection – General Information" (last published on 13th February 2017) and "Tournament Credit System" (last published on 17th February 2017) will be released, superseding the old ones.

We look forward to receiving your selection confirmations and wild card applications.

Yours sincerely,

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